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Pos Malaysia joins courier, express freight service venture

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POS Malaysia Bhd has emerged as the third partner in a joint venture between Transmile Group Bhd and Konsortium Perkapalan Bhd to provide courier and express freight service.

Transmile Group chairman Mirzan Mahathir who said this yesterday added that the joint-venture company would be operational by the end of the year.

"Konsortium Perkapalan has the clientele base while the Transmile Group has the air cargo service. Currently, Konsortium can only provide its clients with road and sea transportation services.

"Konsortium Perkapalan will be able to provide its clients with air transportation service through the new joint-venture company," Mirzan said.

He added if everything goes as planned, the jointventure company would be named Courier Service Network.

"We have not finalised which company will be the major shareholder."

Terms and conditions of the joint-venture are being finalised and the shareholder agreement among all three companies is expected to be signed by the end of this month.

He said they planned to expand the courier and express freight services to the Asian region and would be applying for landing rights in the areas.

Mirzan was speaking at a Press conference in Transmile Group's share balloting at the MIDf consultancy and Corporate Services building in Ampang.

As part of the group's preparation for the courier and express freight business, Transmile Group will be expanding its fleet.

The fleet expansion would be through the acquisition of new craft, he said, adding that the size and number of aircraft would depend on the volume of business and routes it would cover.

The company currently owns a fleet of seven Boeing 737-200s and four Cessna Caravans.

The group's shares were oversubscribed 51.56 times as a total of 173,306 applications for 233.454 million shares valued at RM1.2 billion were received for the 4.442 million shares made available for public subscription.

Mirzan said the Bumiputera portion received 73,640 applications for 92.3 million shares and was oversubscribed 68.25 times.

Previously, at Transmile Group's underwriting, chief executive officer Gan Boon Aun said that RM40 million from its public issue of 6.04 million shares will be used for buying new aircraft. The balance will be used for upgrading its facilities.

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