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Local firm in RM12b Algerian projects

KUALA LUMPUR: A Malaysian company, Ranhill Bhd, has teamed up with an Algerian firm to develop infrastructure projects in Algeria, including the design and construction of a 1,216km highway costing RM12.3bil.

Works-Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the Ranhill Jawala consortium would design and construct highways,

tunnels, bridges and other civil engineering structures.

"They had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Algerian government during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit on Aug 12," he said after hosting a lunch for Algerian Public Works Minister Amar Ghoul.

Ghoul, who is on his first visit to Malaysia, is heading a 10-

member delegation.

Samy Vellu said Malaysian companies were also involved in infrastructure projects in India, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Bahrain, Qatar, China, Vietnam, Sudan and Sri Lanka totalling about RM12bil.

"Malaysian companies have a very good record of completing the projects," he said.