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MMC-GAMUDA IN LINE TO BAG LUCRATIVE RAIL CONTRACT

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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad confirmed that a consortium led by Gamuda Bhd and Malaysia Mining Corporation (MMC) was in line to bag the double-tracking rail project linking Seremban and Johor Baharu.

However, "there are many details to be decided," the prime minister said when asked on the project at the sidelines of the OIC Business Forum here today.

Dr Mahathir also said that the contract, which is said to be the biggest infrastructure contract this year, "is not yet approved."

In a report today, MMC and Gamuda were said to have won a US\$3.8 billion deal to build part of a Singapore to China rail link after receiving approval from the cabinet.

The report added that MMC-Gamuda joint venture is likely to share the double-tracking rail project with the Indian Railway Construction Company (Ircon) which is to undertake the Ipoh-Padang Besar stretch.

The MMC-Gamuda joint venture had been tipped to undertake the Seremban-Johor Bharu stretch. -- BERNAMA

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