

**KDSB bore higher risk in PKFZ project, court told**  
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SHAH ALAM (Aug 24, 2011): The sessions court here was told that Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) allowed a portion of the electrical infrastructure for the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) to be developed on a turnkey basis due to the pressing timeline of the project.

In testimony today, the fourth prosecution witness Port Klang Authority (PKA) engineering deputy general manager A. Murytharan said TNB allowed the turnkey developer, Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd (KDSB), to carry out development works of an 11kV (kilovolt) electrical system.

Murytharan, who was being questioned by DPP Farhan Read, said this after being shown minutes of a Jan 20, 2006 meeting chaired by then PKA general manager OC Phang, a meeting at which representatives from KDSB and TNB were also present.

"TNB did not encourage the execution of power distribution systems using the turnkey method because of previous experiences where the quality of the work was unsatisfactory," said Murytharan, who was continuing his testimony from the previous day.

Murytharan added that TNB however, allowed KDSB to carry out the civil infrastructure works for the 33kV system, which included the construction of buildings, cable connection ducts and the installation of pipes.

Murytharan, in response to further questions from Farhan, said the electrical works included the cabling and the fitting and supplying of switch hardware, transformers and relevant system hardware.

He added that TNB would do the procurement, supply, installation and commissioning for the 33kV works.

Murytharan was testifying in the trial of KDSB consultant engineer Law Jenn Dong, chief operating officer Steven Abok and consultant architect Bernard Tan.

The three had claimed trial on Nov 8 last year to 24 alternative charges of cheating OSK Trustees Bhd involving payment of RM116.85 million to KDSB for two projects at PKFZ.

Abok and Tan also pleaded not guilty to two alternative charges of cheating OSK Trustees by dishonestly inducing OSK Trustees into believing that the 33kv system to Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 for the PKFZ project had been implemented.

Tan and Law are charged with 24 counts of cheating PKA to obtain payment of RM116.85 million to KDSB involving two projects between June 30, 2006, and May 30, 2008.

Hearings before sessions court judge Asmadi Husin resume on Nov 15.

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