

7.0 ROADS

7.1 North South Expressway

Construction is currently underway on a 750km, C\$2 billion expressway running down the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. When complete, it will link Singapore in the south to the Thai border in the north.

The expressway is a privatized closed tollway being constructed and operated by Projek Lebuh raya Utara-Selatan (PLUS). About half of the expressway is complete and in operation and contracts have been let for the outstanding sections remaining. Foreign involvement in the North South Expressway project has included:

<u>Foreign Companies</u>	<u>Main activities</u>
- Taylor Woodrow International	Construction management
- Morgan Grenfell and Comp. Ltd	Financial services
- Transroute (Technical Advisory to PLUS)	Operations and development
- Sir William Halcrow and Partners	Civil works - geotechnical
- Acer Freeman Fox	Mechanical and electrical
- Halcrow Fox and Associates Ltd	Traffic study

As can be seen from the companies listed above, foreign participation is dominated by British companies.

As far as consultancy services are concerned, it is now too late for Canadian companies to enter the market. However there may be some opportunities for Canadian companies in construction and supply of equipment such as toll equipment, emergency equipment and lighting services. Canadian manufacturers interested in supplying their equipment should write directly to PLUS to express their interest.

7.2 Malaysian Highway Authority Projects

The MHA is in the process of designing the Shah Alam Highway and the North-South link to join the norther and southern leg of the North-South Expressway. The design is expected to be completed in July/August 1990, at which time the MHA will invite submissions for privatisation bids, most probably on a build, operate, transfer basis.

The MHA is presently in the process of formulating the projects to be undertaken under the Sixth Malaysia Plan. One of the priority projects is the construction of several tunnels going to Genting Highlands. At present, there is only one tunnels and the two-way traffic has created problems with ventilation. Other future projects under the Sixth Malaysia Plan include improvements to existing roads/facilities and the construction of new roads/facilities.