## Bio data



Name : V Venktaramana (RAMA VENKTA) Director Rail Group, Land Transport Authority

Rama has been with the Rail Group of the Land Transport Authority (LTA) of Singapore since 1994. Before joining LTA (then known as MRTC), he was working for a Multi-National Construction Company (Bauer Engineers & Contractors) specializing in foundation and underground works. He was promoted to Project Manager in a short spell of time to handle complicated foundation projects especially close to existing MRT lines and sensitive structures. He then joined LTA and undertook larger scale project management of rail-transit infrastructure projects.

Through the 18 years he has been with LTA, Rama has gained hands-on project management experience in managing large scale Civil Engineering works for both above-ground and underground rapid transit structures. These include the Woodlands MRT Line (1996), the Bukit Panjang LRT System (1999), the Station Upgrade Project (2004) and the more recently completed Circle Line MRT Stage 5 (2011).

He is currently overseeing one of the most challenging sections of the new Downtown Line Stage 3 from Chinatown to Kallang Bahru, weaving through the heart of the city from River Valley towards Bencoolen and Jln Besar. His primary role as the owner's project representative is to ensure that the key project objectives are met through effective project control and proper governance. He has successfully managed past projects within a tight schedule and budget, delivered the end product to the required quality standards, and met the stakeholders & end-users expectations upon completion of the projects.

Rama was conferred the Outstanding Project Manager Award (Senior Category for Civil Engineering) in 2010 by the Society of Project Manager (SPM), Singapore. He is also a member of the Special Task Force for Tunnelling and Underground Works for the Society of Construction Law (SCL), Singapore.