# THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BLACK BOX APPLICATION ON THE EXPRESS BUSES

### A CASE OF PARK MAY BERHAD

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The rationale of this study is to discuss the importance of using the black box. The main objective of this programme is to reduce rate of accident especially involving express buses. Black box or Vehicle Speed Monitor(VSM) is a computerised system which is essentially, a simple device that records and stores in its memory every occurrence of the vehicle exceeding the set speed limit and tampering. The system is virtually maintenance-free and is designed and built to be tamperproof, rugged, robust and accurate. It is made of automative grade components and materials that are able to withstand extreme environmental conditions and temperatures. Malaysia is first to use the device in the express and tour buses. In the European countries, a different tool called speed limiter is used to monitor the buses.

Delcom Services Sdn. Bhd, the only black box supplier in Malaysia has been given authority to fit the government vehicle with the device. 10,000 vehicles are expected to fit the device including buses and lorries, but only 4,000 vehicles are fitted with it. This is the early stage known as the pilot project that is undertaken in 1995. The result is, it works well besides give accurate information. In line with this, the government has agreed to apply the gadget to all the express and tours bus after discover the increase of accident cases involving the express and tour buses keep increasing. After the case involving

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Company

Park May Berhad was incorporated on 1<sup>st</sup>. December 1972, as a private company, and listed on the KLSE Main Board in 1990. Park May Berhad became a subsidiary of the Renong Group after Renong Berhad acquired 50.1% in February 1994.

It holds a substantial interest in the public transportation industry, which is mainly the stage and express bus service through its various subsidiaries, besides focused as a management and investment holding company

Its stage bus service ply in Klang Valley, Negeri Sembilan, Penang and Kuantan. Cityliner Sdn.Bhd. is the intercity stage bus wholly owned subsidiary of PMB will be operating along all the road corridors into and out of the city center. In line with the full implementation of the government's mandate for an InterCity and IntraCity consortium, Cityliner will be expanding to the InterCity corridors. Currently, Park May is concentrating its efforts towards increasing territorial coverage and fleet modernisation, which includes the introduction of modern buses, rationalism of routes and upgrading of facilities.