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PUTRAJAYA: The remand of a businessman with a "Datuk Seri" title, alleged to have received RM19mil to end the probe on Penang's RM6.34bil undersea tunnel project, has been extended for five days.

Magistrate Nik Muizzuddin Nik Muhammad extended the remand order following an application by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) yesterday.

The 37-year-old businessman has been in remand for six days since

Feb 28.

According to an MACC source, he allegedly received money from the project's main contractor to close the graft-buster's probe of the case.

He supposedly received the payment in stages between July and August.

Meanwhile, in George Town, the director of an engineering consultancy company, remanded in connection with a graft case allegedly involving millions of ringgit, has been released.

The 50-year-old was brought before assistant court registrar Muna Maria Azmi at the end of a five-day remand yesterday.

DPP Amin Yaacob from the MACC said the court granted the company director a RM30,000 bond.

He was detained on Wednesday at the Penang MACC office when he turned up to have his statement recorded.

He was remanded the next day to assist in investigations under Section 15 of the Anti-Corruption

Act 1997.

It was reported that a high-ranking officer of JKP Sdn Bhd was also detained after he turned himself in to have his statement recorded at the MACC office on Friday and remanded the next day.

The 47-year-old man's remand ends tomorrow.

JKP is a subsidiary of the Minister of Finance Incorporated, which was incorporated as a developer in 1995 to build affordable homes in Penang.