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PRESS STATEMENT by Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa, Chief Executive Officer, PBA Holdings Bhd (PBAHB) and Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP)

PBAPP: RAW WATER AND PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITY AT THE AIR ITAM DAM

Thursday, 11/6/2015: PBAPP will ensure security at the Air Itam Dam, a popular public recreation destination, to ensure raw water and public safety. The dam is open to the public from 6.00am – 7.00pm daily.

Raw water and public safety is a key priority. Our PBAPP auxiliary police force has been directed to be on high alert and will patrol the dam areas frequently.

Yesterday, one of our PBAPP auxiliary policemen lodged a police report at the Air Itam police station when rusty bullets were found at the dam.

A member of a film production crew had spotted the bullets about 10 metres from a small bridge at the Sungai Pinang intake, when scouting for a location to shoot a movie sequence. He reported his findings to a PBAPP employee who then informed the auxiliary policeman on duty. The auxiliary policeman then acted accordingly and lodged his report at 12.01pm.

Although news reports noted that the bullets were rusty, we consider this to be a serious issue of dumping dangerous items in a restricted area.

However, we would like to advise the visitors to be vigilant and careful when visiting the dam, especially in the early hours of the morning and late in the evening.

All dam visitors should be aware of their surroundings at all times and report any suspicious activities or untoward incidences to our auxiliary policemen who are on 24 hours duty at the dam. They are posted at the security post near the entrance to the Dam's crest.

Thank You.

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