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PRESS STATEMENT

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OVERNIGHT PIPEWORKS TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO THE SOUTHERN AREAS OF PENANG ISLAND

- **Water pipe connection works at Lebu Sungai Ara 1, Jalan Bayan Lepas and Jalan Permatang Damar Laut.**
- **Scheduled 10-hour water supply interruption in southern areas of Penang Island, from 10.00pm on Saturday, 20/8/2016, to 8.00am on Sunday, 21/8/2016.**

PENANG, Monday (15/8/2016): Pipe connection works will be carried out at 4 locations at Lebu Sungai Ara 1, Jalan Bayan Lepas and Jalan Permatang Damar Laut this weekend.

The work scope encompasses:

- A 900mm x 900mm connection at Lebu Sungai Ara 1, to improve water supply and meet the future water demand in Bayan Lepas, Teluk Kumbar, Gertak Sanggul and Balik Pulau; and
- Three 600mm connections to accommodate Public Works Department (JKR) road upgrading and widening projects at Jalan Bayan Lepas and Jalan Permatang Damar Laut.

When completed, these works will benefit about 30,000 registered water consumers.

With these connections in place, PBAPP will be in a better position to address projected future water demand and minimise the risks of water shortages or rationing during future dry seasons.

10-hour water supply interruption in areas from Sungai Tiram to Gertak Sanggul (from 10.00pm on Saturday to 8.00am on Sunday)

Works have been scheduled on an overnight basis, during a weekend, to minimise the potential economic impact and avoid peak water demand periods.

Moreover, works at all 4 locations will be carried out simultaneously to ensure minimal supply downtime.

Water supply for 15,000 registered water consumers in the following areas will be affected during this scheduled shutdown:

- Sungai Tiram to Bayan Lepas Town;
- Penang International Airport;
- Simpang Permatang Damar Laut to Kampung Seronok/Kampung Binjai; and
- Simpang Permatang Damar Laut to Teluk Kumbar and Gertak Sanggul.

PBAPP hereby advises all households in these affected areas to kindly store sufficient water for overnight use, from 10.00pm on 20/8/2016 to 8.00am on 21/8/2016.

Motorists are also advised to be cautious when using Lebuh Sungai Ara 1, Jalan Bayan Lepas and Jalan Permatang Damar Laut during these hours.

Please note that Penang International Airport services should NOT be affected. We will coordinate with the airport authorities to ensure that the airport's reservoirs are sufficiently filled up before work commences.

Water supply to the **Bayan Lepas Free Trade Zone areas will also NOT be affected.**

We deeply regret any inconvenience caused. These waterworks are necessary and will help to ensure continuous good water supply on Penang Island in the future.

Thank You.

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