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PRESS STATEMENT

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GERTAK SANGGUL FIRE OCCURRED AFTER PIPEWORKS WERE COMPLETED

- **Water pipe connection works at the new Pasir Belanda pumping station were completed and water supply resumed at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 16th August 2016.**

PENANG, Wednesday (18/8/2016): Water pipe connection works at the new Pasir Belanda pumping station on Tuesday (16/8/2016) were completed before the fire in Gertak Sanggul reportedly occurred at 6.00pm.

On Tuesday, Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) connected a 300mm x 150mm pipe to improve water supply to higher ground areas in Pasir Belanda.

To enable this connection, there was a scheduled water supply interruption at the following areas:

Jalan Gertak Sanggul, Bandar Baru Teluk Kumbar, Kampung Paya, Kampung Masjid, Kampung Sepakat, Kampung Sulup, Pasir Belanda and Kampung Gertak Sanggul.

Advance notices regarding Tuesday's supply interruption were hand-delivered by PBAPP personnel to 2,600 affected premises beforehand.

Water supply services to all affected areas resumed from 5.30pm.

While we sympathise with the fire victims, we would like to clarify that this mishap is not related to the availability of water supply in the area.

Official Letter to Inform Fire Station of Pipeworks this Weekend

There will be a scheduled water supply interruption, from 10.00pm on Saturday (20/8/2016) to 8.00am on Sunday (21/8/2016), in the following areas:

- 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.

In view of the impending overnight pipe works at the above locations this weekend, PBAPP is sending an official letter to the Bayan Baru Fire Station today so that the fire services team may prepare a contingency plan accordingly.

Thank You.

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