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PRESS STATEMENT

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MPSP WILL START WORK AT TWO WATER TANK LOCATIONS IN SEBERANG PERAI TENGAH

- **Landslide occurred in land lots about 2 metres outside the fencing of the Taman Tanah Aman Elevated Water Tank in Bukit Tengah.**
- **Soil erosion “moved” the retaining wall and caused cracks to appear at the base of the Taman Seri Remia Elevated Water Tank in Bukit Mertajam.**

PENANG, Friday (10/11/2017): The Seberang Perai Municipal Council (MPSP) will commence emergency work at two elevated reinforced concrete water tank locations in Seberang Perai Tengah (SPT).

1. Taman Tanah Aman Water Tank in Bukit Tengah

The 5/11/2017 storm caused a landslide to occur at a slope outside the premise of the 0.54 million litre tank at Taman Tanah Aman. This tank was completed by the developer, PPB Hartabina Sdn Bhd, in 2007, and handed over to PBAPP.

PBAPP personnel have been inspecting the Taman Tanah Aman tank compound daily since 6/11/2017. Our personnel have discussed this matter with the Seberang Perai Tengah Public Works Department (JKR) Engineer, the Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba), and the developer's representatives.

The issue of evacuation need not arise because the probability of the tank collapsing down on any private properties is remote.

PBAPP's inspection team found that there were no cracks on the structure supporting the tank and no leaks from the tank itself. The tank is fully functional.

As a precautionary measure, PBAPP has temporarily lowered the volume of water storage by 50% to reduce the structural load. Meanwhile, the developer has temporarily covered the landslide area with protective plastic sheets to reduce the risk of another landslide.

It should be noted that this landslide occurred on privately-owned land lots outside the water tank compound. Usually, the landowners would be responsible for carrying out the slope protection works. However, due to the urgency of this matter, MPSP has agreed and decided to undertake these works quickly, and will work out the cost settlement with the landowners later.

2. Taman Seri Remia Water Tank in Bukit Mertajam

Fast flowing storm waters also washed away soil under the compound of the 0.5 million litre tank at Taman Seri Remia in Bukit Mertajam. As a result, a retaining wall has been "moved" and cracks have appeared at the base of the water tank structure.

This tank was completed by the developer, Techware Builders Sdn Bhd, in 2012, and handed over to PBAPP.

PBAPP personnel have been inspecting the Taman Seri Remia tank compound daily since 5/11/2017. Our personnel have discussed this matter with the Seberang Perai Municipal Council (MPSP), as well as representatives of the developer and project consultant.

The issue of evacuation also does not arise at Taman Seri Remia because the projected direction of a potential collapse does not endanger nearby properties.

PBAPP and MPSP are awaiting an urgent report from developer's project consultant on the structural integrity of the retaining wall and water tank sub-structure. Based on this report, a decision will be made on the appropriate rectification works.

As a precautionary measure, PBAPP has temporarily lowered the volume of water storage by 50% to reduce the structural load. For now, all damaged areas in the compound have been temporarily covered with protective plastic sheets to prevent further damage.

Appropriate Rectification Works

PBAPP will ensure that the appropriate works are implemented in Taman Tanah Aman and Taman Seri Remia, in the interests of public safety and continuous good water supply for the residents in these areas.

Thank You.

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