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PRESS STATEMENT

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HILL SLOPE AND ROAD REPAIRS: THE ROAD LEADING TO THE AIR ITAM DAM AND THE ROAD AROUND THE DAM WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR 8 MONTHS.

- **Major slope repair works required at 7 landslide sites. Road and roadside drains also damaged.**
- **8-month closure required to accommodate design work, open tender processes and repair works.**

PENANG, Wednesday (14/3/2018): The road leading to the Air Itam Dam and the road around the dam will remain closed to the public for 8 months to enable hill slope repair and road reinstatement works.

These roads are unsafe due to 7 landslides at hill slope areas. The roads and roadside drains have also been damaged. These damages are related to the violent storm that occurred on 5/11/2017.

A comprehensive engineering solution that will cost millions of ringgit must be implemented to make these roads safe again.

Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) will commence open tender processes to commission the repair and rectification works, in line with Penang State Government's open tender policy.

These processes include:

1. Appointment of a qualified engineering consultant.
2. Site survey work.
3. Soil tests.
4. Design of appropriate slope reinforcements in accordance to site surveys and soil tests; and specification of works for the open tender process.
5. Preparation of open tender documents.

6. Open tender processing (including advertisement placements, site visits for contractors, submission of tenders, tender evaluation, tender approval and appointment of suitable contractors).
7. Actual hill slope repair works and road/roadside drain reinstatement works at all identified locations by the appointed contractors.

The projected timeline for the implementation of the abovementioned processes is approximately 8 months.

PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE MAIN PRIORITY

While PBAPP understands that the Air Itam Dam is a popular and important public recreation site in Penang, we must prioritise public safety above all.

The road leading to the Air Itam Dam and the road around the dam must be closed until all the damaged areas are properly repaired and reinstated.

In the meantime, PBAPP auxiliary police personnel will continue to restrict access. Special arrangements have been made to allow authorised personnel (from PBAPP, TNB and Telekom Malaysia) and residents to use the roads.

PBAPP reserves the right to close the roads completely during incidences of storms or heavy rain.

PBAPP apologises for all inconveniences caused. In this case, public safety must be the main priority.

Thank You.

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