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PRESS STATEMENT

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2 REPAIR JOBS ON A LEAKING 825MM PIPELINE UNDER THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN BRIDGE, BUTTERWORTH COMPLETED

- **Water supply services for 14,873 registered water consumers normalised from 10pm, on Sunday (27.6.2021).**
- **Delay in normalisation of water supply services due to 2 (instead of 1) pipeline repairs under the Tunku Abdul Rahman Bridge and 2 emergency inter-connection pipeworks.**

PENANG, Monday, 28.6.2021: Water supply services for 14,873 registered water consumers in Butterworth, affected by an unscheduled water supply interruption, has been normalised from 10pm yesterday.

First leak: Scheduled water supply interruption

On 25.6.2021, Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) initially commenced work to repair a leak at a 825mm mild steel pipeline under the Tunku Abdul Rahman Bridge in Butterworth.

The objectives were to prevent further water losses and facilitate better water supply pressure in Butterworth and Perai.

The scheduled repair work affected water consumers in the following areas :

“No Water Supply”		“Low Water Pressure”	
a.	Butterworth	a.	Taman Sungai Nyior
b.	Kg. Perlis	b.	Jalan Bagan Luar
c.	Kompleks Chain Ferry	c.	Taman Selat
d.	Taman Inderawasih	d.	Taman Kampung Jawa
e.	Taman Perai Utama	e.	Taman Bagan Baru
f.	Taman Mas	f.	Taman Limbungan
g.	Taman Perai	g.	Taman Kapal
h.	Kuarters TNB	h.	Kawasan Bagan Dalam
i.	Kawasan Perusahaan Perai I		
j.	Kawasan Perusahaan Perai II		
k.	Kawasan Perusahaan Perai III		
l.	Kawasan Perusahaan Perai IV		
m.	Chai Leng Park		
n.	Taman Senangin		
o.	Taman Kimsar		
p.	Kampung Manis		

The initial 12-hour timeline for this scheduled water supply interruption was from 10.00pm on 25.6.2021 to 10.00am on 26.6.2021. This work was completed ahead of schedule on 26.6.2021.

Second leak: Unscheduled water supply interruption

Unfortunately, during repair work on the first leak, PBAPP personnel discovered a second leak along the same pipeline on 26.6.2021.

In order to repair the second leak, PBAPP had to immediately undertake 2 emergency inter-connection pipe works to resume water supply to affected consumers :

1. Connecting a 825mm pipeline to a 600 mm pipeline (1.5m length)
- completed at 2pm, on 26.6.2021
2. Connecting a 600mm pipeline to a 150mm pipeline (7m length)
- completed at 8pm, on 26.6.2021

Due to this emergency inter-connection pipe works, water supply was subsequently restored to consumers by 8pm on 26.6.2021.

The repair work on the second leak started at 8am on 27.6.2021. As the second leak was located near the mid-section of the bridge (over water), it involved the deployment of a tugboat as well as the setting up of a pontoon and scaffolding platform to enable welding works.

The repair team consisted of 24 personnel from PBAPP's operations department and 19 personnel from the contractor. They also had to contend with variable river water levels due to changing tides.

The repair work was completed at 7pm on 27.6.2021. Accordingly, water supply to all affected areas were normalised from 10pm.

Rare occurrence: 2 consecutive repair jobs at one location

PBAPP would like to sincerely apologise to all water consumers affected by a "scheduled water supply interruption" and a subsequent "unscheduled water supply interruption".

This is a rare occurrence in Penang. That said, the 2 pipeline repair operations carried out from 25.6.2021 to 27.6.2021 restored water supply to the affected water consumers in Butterworth and Perai.

Thank You.

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