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PRESS STATEMENT

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PBAPP INVESTING RM24.6 MILLION IN “SPS 2023 RESPONSE PLAN”

- **4 water supply projects are being implemented this year (2023) as “interim solutions” to address water supply issues in Seberang Perai Selatan (SPS).**
- **Projects will benefit more than 14,000 water consumers in SPS.**

PENANG, Thursday, 22.6.2023 Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) is implementing 4 projects this year to serve as “interim solutions” to water supply complaints in Seberang Perai Selatan (SPS).

The details of these 4 projects, listed under PBAPP’s SPS 2023 Response Plan (SPS 2023RP) are as follows:

SPS 2023RP Projects		Investment (RM million)	No. of SPS consumers to benefit	Completion
1	New 10 million litres per day (MLD) DAF Plant at Bukit Panchor Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	18.6	12,660	August 2023
2	2.4 MLD “compact WTP” at Sungai Kerian	4.0	1,749	January 2024
3	New suction tanks at Taman Widuri and Taman Wellesley Pumping Stations	1.2	3,495	October 2023
4	Two “portable WTPs” at Taman Sungai Duri Indah with total capacity 0.25 MLD	0.8	162	June 2023
Total		24.6	18,066	

As such, the total investment for the SPS 2023RP is about RM24 million. In November 2022, PBAPP had also completed the RM840,000 Permatang Tinggi Temporary Pumping Station project to alleviate water supply issues in various areas in SPS.

In January 2024, we will evaluate the overall efficacy of these SPS 2023RP projects in addressing the water supply issues reported by consumers in SPS.

As necessary, PBAPP will allocate more funds to implement more interim projects in SPS in 2024 and 2025 to meet the needs of SPS water consumers.

New Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1)

PBAPP is also planning to build the new Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1) in SPS to specifically address high water demand in SPS until Year 2030. The key details of this new WTP are as follows:

Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1)		
a	Raw water resource	Sungai Kerian, SPS
b	Water treatment capacity	114 MLD
c	Service area	SPS exclusively
d	No. of consumers to be served	55,000
e	Projected Investment	RM171 million (including land acquisition and ancillary engineering works)

State assistance to expedite Sungai Kerian WTP project

The targeted year of completion for the Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1) is 2027. However, PBAPP is seeking the support and cooperation of the Penang State Land and Mines Office (LMO) to expedite land acquisition procedures near Sungai Kerian, so that the Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1) may be commissioned by 2025 or 2026.

PBAPP is ready to invest in the Sungai Kerian WTP (Phase 1). If we can work with the Penang State Government and the LMO to “fast-track” this project, PBAPP will build and commission this new plant for the benefit of 55,000 water consumers in SPS as soon as possible.

Thank You.

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