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**2ND SUNGAI PERAI RIVER-CROSSING PIPELINE FINAL CONNECTION:
98% COMPLETED, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

- **Project running smoothly ahead of schedule without inconveniencing about 26,000 water consumers in SPU and SPT.**
- **From now on, PBAPP to consider deployment of “NO SWSI” major pipe connections for projects that may potentially affect 20,000 or more Penang water consumers.**

PENANG, Wednesday, 28.1.2026: Whenever possible, PBAPP will implement “no scheduled water supply interruption (SWSI)” protocols for all major water pipeline works to avoid inconveniences to Penang water consumers.

Today, we can see the impact of the introduction of “line stopping” and “hot tapping” technology at the 2nd Sungai Perai River-Crossing Pipeline (2nd SP-RCP) worksite.

- At 98% at 4.00pm today, the final connection works of the 2nd SP-RCP is running ahead of schedule. The new pipeline section will be fully commissioned and all site works, including the removal of the line stopping machine, are scheduled to be completed today instead of tomorrow.
- More importantly, we have avoided a SWSI that would have potentially affected about 26,000 water consumers in Seberang Perai Utara (SPU) and Seberang Perai Tengah (SPT).

This represents a “win-win-win” scenario for Penang, PBAPP and water consumers.

Clearly, this new way of connecting major pipelines is a better way to get the job done.

As such, I have directed PBAPP to follow today’s “No SWSI” protocol for all future major pipeline works, subject to the following considerations:

- Avoidance of a SWSI that may affect 20,000 water consumers or more;
- Projected work time lasting 18 hours or more; and
- Major pipelines only, with diameters measuring 600mm or more.

Please note that while we wish to avoid future SWSIs as far as possible, there is the element of cost. It costs roughly 10 times more to deploy “line stopping” and “hot tapping” work as compared to normal pipeline connection works.

Coming back to today’s project, I would like to commend PBAPP as well as the contractor for this job and the specialist company that was called in to carry out the “line stopping” and “hot tapping” work.

Good job. I look forward to less stress, no issues and good results for all future major pipeline connections in Penang.

Thank You.