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PRESS STATEMENT

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BURST WATER PIPELINE AT JALAN BUKIT GAMBIR: COMPLETION OF EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKS RESCHEDULED TO 9.00PM TODAY

- **PBAPP emergency repair team has been working to repair a 900mm mild steel (MS) burst pipeline at Jalan Bukit Gambir, from 9.00pm last night.**
- **Overnight rain delayed excavation works and flooded the pipe excavation site.**
- **Excavation has reached the level of 2.5m below ground level on-site. PBAPP is deploying more personnel and equipment to expedite works on-site.**

PENANG, Tuesday, 16.10.2019: Works to repair a burst underground water pipeline at Jalan Bukit Gambir is on-going, due to overnight rain.

A PBAPP emergency repair team has been excavating the site of a major 900mm mild steel (MS) pipeline that had burst since 9.00pm last night. However, overnight rain delayed work and flooded the excavation site, located at a service road near The Pallazia commercial complex.

Excavation work has reached 2.5m below ground level this morning. PBAPP has deployed more personnel and heavier machinery to expedite the work.

A 900mm valve before The Pallazia and another 450mm valve at the junction of Jalan Tun Dr. Awang and Jalan Bukit Gambir have been shut since 9.00pm last night to isolate and drain the burst pipeline.

The shutting of these valves caused an unscheduled water supply interruption or low water pressure at the following areas:

1. Universiti Sains Malaysia campus at Bukit Gambir
2. Plaza Ivory and Halaman Bukit Gambir 1 to 9
3. Jalan Ketitir 1 to 4
4. Jabatan Pendidikan Sekolah Menengah Bukit Gambir
5. Desa Golf Taman Bukit Jambul
6. Taman Bukit Jambul Blok A to Blok F
7. Sungai Ara area until Kompleks Tabung Haji
8. Teluk Kumbar area until Bukit Genting
9. Balik Pulau
10. Relau
11. Ashley Green

An estimated 200,000 water consumers in these areas are affected by the unscheduled water supply interruption.

Water supply to the Bayan Lepas industrial areas and the Penang International Airport are not affected.

Completion of pipeline repair work rescheduled

Originally, the emergency repair works were scheduled for completion at 9.00am today, with water supply to be restored in stages to all affected consumers.

Due to bad overnight weather conditions at the site, as mentioned, PBAPP has rescheduled completion of the emergency repair works to 9.00pm today. Thereafter, water supply to be restored in stages to all affected consumers.

Kindly note that the National Water Services Commission's (SPAN's) key performance indicator for unscheduled water supply interruptions involving pipes with a diameter above 600mm is 48 hours. PBAPP is targeting completion of repair works in 24 hours.



PBAPP apologises for the inconvenience caused. However, this is an unscheduled water supply interruption arising from a burst underground pipeline, and PBAPP is expediting work to remedy the situation.

Thank You.

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