



**PRESS STATEMENT**

17 JULY 2021 (8.00pm)

**STATUS OF UNSCHEDULED WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION DUE TO COLLAPSE OF ROAD AT HAJI BAKI, JALAN KUCHING-BAU, KUCHING**

Kuching – The collapse of the road at Jalan Haji Baki which damaged the SEB cables has resulted in power outage at the whole Kuching Water Board (KWB) Batu Kitang Water Treatment Plant complex from about 1-4 am on the 17 July 2021. In addition, it has also caused a 1000 mm mild-steel-cement-lined (MSCL) pipe to slide and sever. A new leak was also spotted from the 750 mm MSCL which is underneath the road this afternoon.

The power outage and the severed pipe has caused widespread low water pressure and water supply interruption in Kuching City and surrounding areas.

The management of KWB immediately conducted an emergency meeting at 8:30 am this morning at Batu Kitang Water Treatment Plant to address the issue.

KWB managed to shut all the isolation valves to both of the pipelines to enable repair works to be carried by its contractor. Repair works is still in progress at this point of time as the access to site is difficult and the pipe is completely severed and moved laterally.

KWB has ramped up its production rate since this morning to quickly restore the system pressure and supply as soon as possible. It has also reconfigured its water supply to enable more water to be push into the supply system.

KWB has dispatched water tankers to affected areas since this morning and will continue to do so until the leaks are repaired. Consumers can contact KWB's call centre at 082-222333 to request for water delivery.

KWB wish to apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Thank you.