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Media Statement

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Sarawak Metro working closely with authorities and contractors to resume water supply to residents along Kuching-Samarahan Expressway

KUCHING: Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) and its contractors are working closely with Kuching Water Board to resolve the water supply interruption issue affecting several areas along the Kuching-Samarahan Expressway in Kota Samarahan.

The issue was caused when a sub-contractor damaged a water pipe during its utility relocation works for construction of the Blue Line of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

Sarawak Metro will give its full assistance to Kuching Water Board and its contractors as it continues to conduct repair works on the damaged water pipe.

Sarawak Metro sincerely apologises for the inconvenience caused and together with Kuching Water Board, Sarawak Metro will make every effort to fully restore the water supply as soon as possible.

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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), has been entrusted by the Sarawak Government to modernise public transport through the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

Sarawak Metro has been entrusted to implement, operate and maintain the KUTS project.

The project is being developed in phases, and Phase 1 includes the development of three lines: the Blue Line from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange in the city centre; the Red Line, from Kuching Sentral to Pending; and the Green Line, from Pending to Damai.

Construction of the first package for the Blue Line is expected to complete by the fourth quarter of 2025 and all three lines are scheduled to be fully completed by the end of 2027.

The backbone of the KUTS project is the introduction of the zero-emission Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) hydrogen vehicles.

The ART vehicles will be operated on dedicated lanes, meaning they will not share the lane with other road users. The ART hydrogen vehicles will run on rubber tires, and hence the dedicated lanes will be trackless. The lanes will mostly be at-grade (road level) while certain sections of the alignment will be elevated.

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The ART operation will be supported by a network of feeder buses, which will also consist of hydrogen-powered vehicles to offer the ‘first mile and last mile’ connectivity for commuters.

The move to use hydrogen is in line with the Sarawak Government’s aspirations to advance the hydrogen economy and to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak.

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