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### **PUBLIC SAFETY IS INDAH WATER KONSORTIUM'S HIGHEST PRIORITY**

**PUCHONG** – Indah Water Konsortium (IWK)'s prompt action in taking steps to temporarily protect a sinkhole that could have escalated to a major public hazard, was applauded by Yang Berhormat Ng Sze Han, Ahli Dewan Undangan Puchong, during a site visit today. Ng was accompanied by Mehanatan Embamurthi and George Yap, Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ) councillors and Lawrence Dominic Nice, IWK Subang Jaya Head of Operations.

The sinkhole first appeared at Jalan TK5/1 Taman Kinrara on the evening of 13 Dec. Upon investigation, it was confirmed that the problem was caused by forcemain pipe leaking due to aging pipes and high volume of wastewater. IWK completed back filling with crusher run at the sinkhole area, fixed the steel plate and placed plastic barrier to cordon the surrounding area. Crusher run was later laid on the road shoulder at the bend for smoother traffic flow.

If left unattended, the sinkhole could pose serious danger to road users and members of the public in the surrounding areas. Ng, Mehanatan and George were satisfied with IWK for ensuring that barricades with blinkers and other measures were placed to reduce potential risks and ensure public safety.

Head of Corporate Communications Department IWK, Wan Esuriyanti Wan Ahmad said, besides notifying relevant agencies such as MPSJ and Department of Environment (DOE), IWK has also begun the processes to replace the 20 meter length forcemain pipe to mitigate the risk of another occurrence in the near future. The appointed contractor has mobilised machinery and equipment for the works to commence tentatively on 18 December and target to complete the repair early next month.

“IWK will take all the necessary steps to minimise any inconveniences, alleviate traffic flows in the area and expedite the repair works, in line with our mission to provide excellent, efficient and innovative services for safe and sustainable water and environment,” she added.



The sinkhole appeared at Jalan TK5/1 on 13/12/2017



Receiving manhole and surrounding area. The sinkhole duly backfilled with aggregate and covered with steel plates.

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