

MEDIA STATEMENT

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For Immediate Release**IWK HASTILY RESTORES SIMPANG RENGGAM STP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

KUALA LUMPUR: Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) condemns the act of thievery performed in a recent media report related to the Simpang Renggam sewage treatment plant (STP). The unscrupulous act had jeopardised the plant's operation, which can impact the quality of effluent released into the river that may potentially cause harm to public health and safety. We wish to also clarify that there is no IWK staff by the name of Jimmy, as transliterated in the report.

On 27 May 2019, we received a complaint and our team immediately attended to it. Upon investigation at the site, IWK discovered that there were vandalism issues and a theft case, whereby crucial components in the running of the plant had been stolen.

Our immediate action was to close the penstock to prevent incoming sewage from accumulating inside the pump sump and prevent overflowing from the plant. The authorities were informed about the incident. At the same time, a team was deployed for reparation works, ensuring that the plant operated with minimum equipment with the consent of the Department of Environment (DOE).

The team worked round-the-clock and DOE was updated about the progress of the plant condition consistently. On 29 May 2019, the plant was fully restored and DOE was informed about the plant condition. To prevent, control and minimise the vandalism cases, IWK will further strengthen its security measures from the existing state with assistance from security providers.

IWK reiterates that such act can jeopardise the health and safety of the surrounding community due to selfish gains of some individuals. We would like to request for the cooperation of all stakeholders to play their roles in ensuring a safe environment.

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ABOUT US

Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (Indah Water), is a sewerage services company owned by Minister of Finance Incorporated, Malaysia. Indah Water is responsible for providing sewerage services, operating and maintaining more than 6,000 sewage treatment plants and 19,320km networks of sewerage pipelines serving 24.8 million Connected Population Equivalent (PE). Our expertise include Operations and Maintenance, Refurbishment, Planning & Policy Strategy, Engineering & Process Review, Project Planning, Project Management, EIA and HAZOP Studies, Training Services & Module Development, Research & Development, Capacity Building and Community Awareness & Education Program. IWK was awarded the Water Industry Achievement Award (Best Sewage Treatment Plant Award) by Malaysian Water Association in 2016, which further spurred our vision to become Asia's premier sewerage company. For more information on IWK, please visit our website at www.iwk.com.my. You can also download the Indah Water application at 'Play Store' or 'Apple Store'.