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Media Statement

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Repairs on damaged water pipe at Jalan Canna to be carried out on 13 & 14 December

KUCHING: Contractors for Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro) and Kuching Water Board (KWB) will conduct repair works on an underground water pipe at Jalan Canna, from 9.00pm on 13 December 2024 until 6.00am on 14 December 2024.

The repair works will cause temporary interruption to the water supply in the surrounding areas.

The underground water pipe was damaged recently during soil investigation works for the Blue Line alignment for the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Project on 25 November 2024. Since then, several efforts have been made to repair the pipe but were hampered by technical and unforeseen issues.

Sarawak Metro regrets any inconvenience caused by the repair works.

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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

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trackless. The lanes will mostly be at-grade (road level) while certain sections of the alignment will be elevated.

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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