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Please refer to the attachment for announcement details.

This announcement is dated 2 June 2011.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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## 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Water Services Industry Act 2006 (WSIA), which has come into force in 2007, all water operators will be regulated and licensed by Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara ("SPAN").

Under the new water industry regime, SPAN's responsibility is to regulate as well as to monitor the performance of the water operators, while Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad (PAAB), a company under the Minister of Finance Inc. will assume responsibility for water supply projects through the National Water Services Industry Restructuring Initiative and to provide funding for future water assets development.

PBAPP, a subsidiary of PBAHB, is the water operator for Penang state to undertake business activities of a water supplier involved in the abstraction of raw water, treatment of water, supply and sale of treated water to consumers.

Prior to the migration into the above new water industry regime, PBAPP has been granted a licence by the State Government of Penang via Jabatan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang (now known as Badan Kawal Selia Air) to operate and maintain the state's water supply system until 31 December 2010. PBAPP has been temporarily granted a licence by SPAN until 30 June 2011, pending approval of the migration of Penang State Water Assets by the Cabinet.

In conjunction with the execution of the Master Agreement between PBAPP with the Government of Malaysia, the State Government of Penang and PAAB (Collectively known as "Parties") on 2 June 2011 which has set out the scope of the said Agreement and the Parties' obligations under the new water industry regime, PBAPP is now awarded by the Minister for a Service Licence pursuant to the WSIA and the Act for a period of three years commencing from 1 June 2011 up to 31 May 2014.

# 3.0 SALIENT TERMS OF THE LICENCE

3.1 Pursuant to the Act, all the standard conditions as prescribed in the Act and special conditions imposed by the Minister shall be applicable to PBAPP as Licensee.

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