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Sabah Oil and Gas Terminal Integrated Maintenance Date Rescheduled

KOTA KINABALU, 31 July – The integrated maintenance work at Sabah Oil & Gas Terminal (SOGT) Kimanis which was originally scheduled to begin from 1 August to 7 August 2025 has been rescheduled to 5 August to 11 August 2025.

According to ECoS Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Ir. Abdul Nasser Abdul Wahid, this rescheduling was decided in a joint meeting between ECoS, Petronas Carigali Sdn. Bhd. and Grid System Operator on 30 July 2025. This rescheduling is to provide room for the completion of repair works on damaged units belonging to Sabah Electricity and Independent Power Producers, reliability testing of the Independent Power Producers operations in Kimanis using diesel fuel, and also the completion of additional Battery Energy Storage System capacity of 40MW.

This rescheduling will be able to significantly reduce the impact of power supply rationing to consumers in Sabah should it be needed for the stability of the Sabah grid network.

According to Nasser further, "the integrated maintenance work at SOGT together with offshore assets is a mandatory requirement to renew the Certificate of Fitness (CF) by the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) to ensure that the assets involved always operate meeting the stipulated safety standards. Throughout this maintenance work, gas supply will be shut off to two Independent Power Plants namely Kimanis Power Plant and SPR Energy which will operate using diesel fuel.

"In addition, gas pipeline connection work for a new generation project currently being built by Sabah Electricity in Kimanis with a capacity of 100MW will also be implemented which can only be done during this gas supply shutdown.

With the completion of this project in the third quarter of 2025 together with other generation enhancement initiatives, it will be able to increase the Sabah Grid generation reserve margin from the current 17% to 30%. As a record, the reserve margin in 2023 was less than 10%. This increase in reserve margin is very necessary to add resilience to the Sabah Grid in case of damage to several generation plants.

He added that, apart from efforts to increase generation capacity (supply side), electricity users can also play a role from the load demand aspect (demand side). The easiest method is to use electricity in an energy-efficient manner and electricity usage that can be done after peak hours, which is after 9 pm.

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About ECoS

The Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) is a statutory body established by the State Government of Sabah since 10th January 2023. It operates as the regulator for the energy sector within the Chief Minister's portfolio. The primary objectives of ECoS are to ensure secure, sustainable, affordable, and accessible energy for the State of Sabah. ECoS plays a pivotal role in shaping Sabah's energy landscape, promoting responsible energy practices, and safeguarding the interests of both consumers and the environment.