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IWK WELCOMES CABINET DECISION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) said today that while it welcomed the Cabinet decision to write off the arrears on sewerage charges billed by the company to consumers, it is also fully committed to implement the government's decision.

In a statement released here today its Executive Chairman Datuk Wan Adli Wan Ibrahim said the company was also pleased that the review exercise mooted by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in May had been finalised.

"We believe the government has considered views from all parties, especially the consumer associations, opinion leaders, the business and commercial sectors and the general public in coming up with a comprehensive solution that addresses all the issues raised by the various parties," he said.

Wan Adli said that as the largest national sewerage privatization project in the world, IWK was also committed to reinvesting a major portion of its earnings for the first 20 years to develop a modern and efficient sewerage system adding that it was confident that its customers would support the project by contributing their part.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today announced that the government had agreed that the arrears of sewerage charges billed to consumers by IWK be written off.

He also said that the new charges for consumers would be based on different categories of users, such as residential home, office and factory.

IWK was granted the concession to take over the country's sewerage services in April 1994 for 28 years as part of the government's privatisation drive. -- BERNAMA

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