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MANDATORY SCHEDULED DESLUDGING OF SEPTIC TANK

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SYNOPSIS

Septic tanks that are not desludge regularly are one of the sources of contributing to the water pollution in country. There are approximately 1.35 million individual septic tanks and 1.4M primitive septic tanks unfortunately each year less than 10% are being deslugged. This contributes to a pollution to environment and high potential to affect quality of people health in this country. Scheduling of septic tank desludging have been implemented since 1995 until it was stopped in 2007 upon enforcement of Water Service Industry (WSIA) Act 655 in 2008. Statistics of the number of septic tanks been desludged drastically decreased from more than 30% that period to less than 10% to the present. Looking at the issues and potential pollution that occurs due to sewage from septic tanks, the government feels it is necessary to take action to ensure that septic tanks need to be desludged by enforcing scheduled desludging at least once every two years.

A “Water Services Industry (Sedimentation Services) Regulations 2021” has been gazetted on 30 March 2021 which requires any owner, management, occupier of septic tanks to desludge periodically.

Indah Water Konsortium S/B (IWK) as a service licensee company which is also a national sewerage company have given responsibility to implement scheduled desludging to over 1.35 million septic tanks throughout the country (except Sabah & Sarawak). Scheduling will be done in stages with frequencies once in every two years (24 months) to IST situated within the boundary of any local authority area and once every 3 years (36 months) to IST situated outside the boundary of any local authority area. Sending notice of scheduled desludging has commence in July 2021.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Mr. Pauzi Mohamed was appointed as Head of Desludging Business Unit, Operation & Maintenance Department, Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK) since April 2018. His role is to lead, plan and direct the overall operations of Desludging Business Unit as a significant unit to undertake the vital task of ensuring that septic tanks in Malaysia to be desludged periodically and proper manner. In the future, Malaysia will be able to enjoy a clean and healthy environment through a proper management and periodically desludged of septic tank. Mr. Pauzi had previously served in IWK from 1997 till 2007 in Operations and Maintenance wastewater as Executive and Managerial level. He also served to Kelantan’s sewerage management by joining Majaari Services Sdn Bhd, owned by Perbadanan Menteri Besar Kelantan (PMBK) from 2008 to 2012. He returned to IWK in 2012 as a Head of Developer Service, Planning & Engineering Department and continue in operations division from 2013 till present.

He has over 24 years of successful experience in combined professional experience Operation and Maintenance Wastewater, Planning and Business Development. Mr. Pauzi holds a BA Hons. Geography in 1996 and obtained a Master in Environmental Management from University Kebangsaan Malaysia UKM in 1997.