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1. Thank you to PETRONAS for inviting me to officiate the First Gas Readiness Ceremony of the Bintulu Additional Gas Sales Facility 2 (BAGSF-2) here in Tanjung Kidurong.
2. I would also like to appreciate all the parties involved- PETRONAS, Sarawak Petchem and Sarawak Energy Bhd, for the commitment shown in getting this Bintulu Additional Gas Sales

Facility, also known as BAGSF-2, ready for first gas, in just over a year. Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work in getting to this point.

3. To me, BAGSF-2's ability to deliver the gas as it is meant to be, underscores greater things to come, both for the petrochemical and power industries in Sarawak. As Firouz shared just now, BAGSF-2 is designed with the capacity of 390MMscf/d and will deliver 160 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd) to Sarawak Petchem and another 70 million standard cubic feet per day to Sarawak Energy Berhad's power plant right here in Tanjung Kidurong.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. As the petrochemical and power industries are two important ways for Sarawak to achieve our Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030, I am keen to see the growth of these two sectors contributing towards the creation of jobs in Sarawak, keeping with our plan to see the workforce expand close by 195,000 jobs while narrowing the developmental gaps between urban and rural Sarawak.

5. With an improved access to energy, we can accelerate our digital adoption, allowing for a better ease of doing business, better develop our people and optimise the use of our assets.

6. I hope that we each take on the responsibility of delivering the best of our abilities to seeing BAGSF-2 become fully operational. Your individual effort will help ensure these industries continue to be healthier contributors to the Sarawak State.

Ladies and gentlemen,

PETCHEM SECOND METHANOL PROJECT

7. Previously, I spoke about Sarawak Petchem to undertake the second Methanol Project. After due consideration and looking at the market demand, I have been updated that Sarawak Petchem has narrowed down their product option to Blue Ammonia and/or Urea.

8. This new concept of Blue Ammonia is currently being considered as fuel for power generation replacing coal. In this regard, we have been approached by various potential customers requesting for the supply of blue ammonia. In-Shaa-Allah if this

project materializes, we will be the first in South East Asia to produce and export Blue Ammonia.

9. With the remaining available gas allocated to Sarawak, I believe the volume is sufficient for us to produce Blue Ammonia and/or Urea. Following this, I hope that the agreement for the gas supply to this Project be executed immediately.

10. On this note, I had asked Sarawak Petchem to explore for collaboration with relevant partners to realise this Blue Ammonia and/or Urea Project. This collaboration will also include carbon capture for the Blue Ammonia.

11. I urge Sarawak Petchem to start with the relevant activities so that we can have the Plant to be on stream soon. I believe this project will get the full support from the financial institution as this supports sustainability and reduction of carbon emission agenda.

12. This is part of Sarawak aspiration to further develop and transform the Petrochemical industry in Bintulu which is aligned with Sarawak PCDS 2030.

Thank you.