



**PHNOM PENH  
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**The Official Inauguration Ceremony of  
the Bakheng Water Production Facilities phase 1**

**Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (“PPWSA”)** would like to announce to investors and public that, On Monday, June 19, 2023, PPWSA organized The Official Inauguration Ceremony of the Bakheng Water Production Facilities phase 1 highly presided over by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia** and **H.E. Kitti Settha Pandita CHAM Prasidh, Senior Minister, Minister of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation**. Bakheng Water Production facilities phase 1, which is the great achievement of PPWSA, was constructed on 15 hectares of land with total production capacity of 195,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day resourced from Mekong Leur River. The Water Production facilities located on Bakheng Leur village, Bakheng commune, Chroy Changeva district, Phnom Penh.

Bakheng Water Supply Project Phase 1 is co-financed between Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC), Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (PPWSA), The French Development Agency (AFD), European Investment Bank (EIB), European Union (EU) of total project budget worth 247 million US dollars.

Bakheng Water Production Facility Phase 1 was started the construction on May 05, 2020 and has been put into testing-operations on the production and supply of clean water since April 21, 2023 that reach the completion on May 5, 2023 with 36 months of construction period. Bakheng Water Production Facility Phase I is the ever-largest project in the history of Cambodia's clean water infrastructure development that is constructed by the French firm, Vinci Construction Grants Projets with supervision from PPWSA and technical assistance from the French firm, SAFEGE consulting Engineers. The construction project is contracted within the Design-Build framework.

Bakheng Water Production Facility Phase 1 has a production capacity of 195,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day giving an extra capacity to existing capacity of 640,000m<sup>3</sup>/day up to 835,000m<sup>3</sup>/day and increase the access supply of clean water to about 170,000 families. In addition to this, it also contributes to solving the problem of scarcity of water for people living at the suburb and 3 communes in Takhmao.

At the beginning of 2024, after PPWSA put into operation of Bakheng Water Production Facilities phase 2, the total production capacity of clean water could increase by more than 1 million cubic meters per day. This gives the people living in Phnom Penh and Takhmao, especially those living on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, access to clean water supply ensuring a better water pressure and the current water shortage trend will be ended by early 2024.

In this regard, please be informed.

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