

6 more months' delay for Cypark WTE

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Cypark Resources Bhd has received another six-month extension to commercially operate its waste to energy (WTE) incinerator plant in Ladang Tanah Merah, Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan. Housing and Local Government (KPKT) Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin (*picture*) said this was due to some technical issues with the road access to the landfill area.

“They are still solving this issue. The extension will end, perhaps, by December. Currently, the operation is still in the testing mode,” she told reporters after attending her ministry’s Innovation Day in Putrajaya, today.

The RM300 million public-private partnership project was constructed in 2016 under the build-operate-manage-transfer concept for a lease period of 25 years.

The WTE plant was initially targeted to be completed by January last year. However, it was delayed until the end of 2018 after the main contractor encountered a difficult geological formation.

The latest commercial operational date was then extended to July 2019.

Once in operation, the project should be the impetus for other states to develop their own WTE incinerators, in line with the ministry’s vision to construct at least one WTE facility in each state by next year.

The Cypark WTE has a 4ha built-up area and it would be able to undertake 600 tonnes of mechanically segregated and processed municipal solid waste a day.

The facility would be able to produce between 20MW and 25MW of green energy, enough to power about 25,000 households within its vicinity.

Currently, renewable energy contributes about 13% of the group’s revenue. Moving forward, the WTE incinerator is expected to boost the group’s RE segment to over 30% of revenue.

On a related note, KPKT is expected to issue a proposal request for the Melaka WTE project, which would be the country’s second.