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## Site clearance works paving way for Seria housing project



The peat swamp forests of area 10 in Seria have been partly cleared in preparation for the construction of 2,000 houses under the National Housing Scheme by Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB).

The site clearance works began since March 3 and Soon Lee Heavy Machineries Company was sub-contracted by Bina Puri Holdings Bhd, to remove a total of 181 hectares of heavy vegetation and mature trees adjacent to the Mumong roundabout Kuala Belait.

However, the cutting of mature trees at the area is temporarily halted pending approval from the Forestry Department. "This inevitably delays the work progress as we aim to complete the site clearance works within three months," said a representative from the Soon Lee Heavy Machineries.

BEDB announced earlier that it is committed to completing the housing project within two years.

And at the site, a representative from the Bina Puri Holdings said they will stick to the project timeline and avoid delays to ensure that the housing project will be completed in time.

A 2.6-kilometre route has also been levelled at the site for access of heavy vehicles and machineries, he added. And the construction of a site office will also take place soon to allow close monitoring of the project works.

Excavation and backfilling works for foundations will resume after site clearance and are to be sub-contracted to three construction companies.

Since the housing project site is strategically located along the Mumong bypass road, warning road signs and cones are positioned to alert traffic of the site works and a fence will also be erected soon to safeguard the site.

Towards the swift and safe construction of the new houses, Bina Puri Holdings will utilise a technology called 'tunnel foam system'.

Under the new scheme, 60 per cent of the development will comprise terrace houses and 40 per cent will be semi-detached houses.

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