

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Individual Found Guilty of Electricity Theft for Bitcoin Mining Activities Fined RM20,000.00

Putrajaya, 19 October – The Ipoh Sessions Court sentenced an individual to a fine of RM20,000.00 on 17 October, charged with making illegal connections by way of bypassing the meter to the distribution panel for bitcoin mining activities.

The Sessions Court Judge, Norashima Khalid, imposed a fine of RM20,000.00 on the accused, Sim Pui Yee, charged under subsection 37 (3)(c) of the Electricity Supply Act 1990 [Act 447] which carries a fine of not less than RM20,000.00 and not exceeding RM1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five (5) years or both, if convicted.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges read and has paid the fine. The prosecution was conducted by the Energy Commission's ("ST") Prosecuting Officer, Nor Shahkierra Abd Manan while the accused was represented by Nik Mohamed Ikhwan bin Nik Mahamud of Messrs. Nik Ikhwan & Co.

As the national energy regulatory body, ST strives to implement and enforce the provisions of the energy supply laws. ST hopes that the fine imposed on the accused can be a lesson to all parties to not engage in the illegal usage of electricity.

ST also views cases like this seriously which has the potential to not only impact the country's energy industry in terms of monetary value but also the stability of the electricity supply system as well as public safety. As such, ST welcomes the cooperation of the public to provide information with regards to any electricity theft activity through the ST eAduan system via our website at www.st.gov.my.

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