

**Media Update**

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**Freeport Indonesia Collaborating With Regional Company Perumda Giri Tirta To Supply Water to Manyar Smelter**

**Gresik, East Java** – Today (24/2) in Gresik Regency, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) and region-owned company Perusahaan Umum Daerah (Perumda) Giri Tirta signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on sale/purchase of water in Gresik, East Java. The memorandum of understanding sets out a collaboration to supply water for Manyar Smelter operations in the Gresik special economic zone (KEK).

This collaboration forms part of PTFI commitment to prioritize regional potential, including engaging region-owned companies (Perumda) to supply various necessities for Manyar smelter construction and operation. “We highly appreciate the support provided by PTFI as a private entity to encourage economic development in Gresik through partnership with, and empowerment of region-owned companies.” **Gresik Regent Fandi Akhmad Yani** stated in opening the event to sign the memorandum of understanding.

“This collaboration not only provides a benefit in the form of water supply, but also serves to bring about positive impacts towards increasing regional economic growth through support in engaging in business with region-owned companies,” **PTFI President Director Tony Wenas** said during the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony.

Under this memorandum of understanding, Perumda Giri Tirta will supply water to the Manyar smelter. In delivering the water supply, Perumda Giri Tirta will be working together with PT Berkah Kawasan Manyar Sejahtera (BKMS) to build a water grid system to convey water to the PTFI smelter area in Manyar.

“We appreciate PTFI commitment to embrace business operators in the region in meeting various needs for the construction and operation of the Manyar smelter. This collaboration will help us in developing the potential of PDAM Giri Tirta for supplying water in Gresik Regency,” **Giri Tirta President Director Kurnia Suryandi** asserted on the same occasion.

Earlier, PTFI had similarly entered into collaborations with local businesses to meet various necessities for the Manyar smelter construction project, including food catering service, office supplies, transportation, manpower, and construction services. As of January 2023, the Manyar smelter construction project had achieved 54.5 percent progress out of the 52.9 percent target.

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