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KENINGAU: Sabah Electricity Sendirian Berhad (SESB) announced that it has set up a task force to conduct a forensic investigation into the cause of the RM40m cable storage warehouse fire at Batu 7, Jalan Tuaran last Thursday.

SESB Chairman Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau said the findings of the investigation would be presented at the next board meeting.

“The findings will also be disclosed to the public,” he said.

The fire destroyed 1,046 of 1,426 cable rolls of various sizes that were supposed to be distributed across the State, mostly used to provide electricity to consumer homes.

Madius urged all parties to refrain from engaging in finger-pointing and instead to allow the forensic team to conduct their investigation thoroughly and impartially.

“I need to state here that the management will work with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) to explore strategies to minimise project opportunities due to the absence of cables.

“As a proactive measure, the Board of Directors has directed the management to identify and secure temporary storage facilities to protect the acquired cable inventory until a permanent store solution is finalised.

“It is important to note that before this unfortunate incident, SESB was already in the process of establishing a permanent storage facility at the site,” he said, adding the fire was truly regrettable.

Madius was in the interior of Sabah to visit the company’s operational office in Keningau, Tenom district and the Hidro Panggi Tenom station.