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KOTA KINABALU: Two Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are now back in operation, supplying 155MW of electricity to the Sabah grid system.

Sabah and Federal Territory of Labuan Grid System operator, Adrian Mosigil, said one of the companies, Kimanis Power Sdn Bhd, had resumed operation, and supplied 95MW of electricity on Friday (Jan 19).

He said another IPP company, Ranhill Powerton II Sdn Bhd, had started supplying electricity again, amounting to 60MW, to the grid on Thursday (Jan 18).

"The resumption of operations of these

two IPPs will increase the generation of electricity supply in Sabah, which previously experienced margin reserves at a critical level," he said, in a statement.

Previously, the media reported that Kimanis Power Sdn Bhd had to temporarily shut down its electricity supply for 14 days from Jan 6, to make way for a safety inspection from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

Meanwhile, Ranhill Powerton II Sdn Bhd made an emergency shutdown, due to high vibration issues in the power generation sets on Jan 14.

In the meantime, Adrian announced that another IPP, Serudong Power Sdn Bhd, is expected to be able to supply 11MW of electricity to the Sabah grid system, starting March 1, while the 30MW Patau-Patau Power Station in Labuan, which has experienced technical problems since Sept 5 last year, is also expected to resume operation on Feb 29. He said the Tenom Pangi Hydro Power Station, which is being repaired after a complete shutdown due to natural disasters on Oct 31, 2022, is expected to resume operation in stages from March, June and October.