Pelindo Starts Building Port Integrated Industrial Estate in Kuala Tanjung

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Pelindo this year began building the Kuala Tanjung Industrial Estate which is integrated with the Port of Kuala Tanjung. Efforts to become a traffic stimulator.

Jakarta - PT Pelabuhan Indonesia (Persero) / Pelindo is now focusing on developing the Kuala Tanjung Industrial Estate (KIKT). The industrial estate, located in Batubara Regency, North Sumatra, is one kilometer from Kuala Tanjung Port.

The Kuala Tanjung Industrial Estate is managed by Pelindo's subsidiary, PT Pelindo Solusi Logistik (SPSL) through its subsidiary PT Prima Pengembangan Kawasan (PPK). Meanwhile, Kuala Tanjung Port is managed by another Pelindo subsidiary, PT Pelindo Multi Terminal (SPMT).

"Until the end of last year, PT Prima Kawasan Development has acquired 57 hectares of land. The land is in one stretch," said PT Pelindo Solusi Logistik (SPSL) President Director Joko Noerhudha in Jakarta, January 31, 2024.

Joko explained, throughout 2024, PT PPK will focus on the first phase, namely land clearing and maturation of the land that has been acquired. "We are also taking care of the certificates and licenses," he said.

In the next phase, said Joko, PT PPK will focus on gate and entrance construction work. In the third phase, Pelindo will complete the basic infrastructure work. "We will work with a number of state-owned enterprises and regional companies," said Joko again.

For electricity procurement, PT PPK will invite PT PLN (Persero). Gas will be provided by PT Pertagas Niaga, a subsidiary of Pertamina. The telecommunications network will be worked on by a number of providers. Water will be supplied by PDAM Tirta Tanjung, a regional company owned by Batubara Regency.

Along with basic infrastructure work, PT PPK is also aggressively promoting and marketing KIKT through various investment activity forums. One of them was in the North Sumatra Invest Promotion Forum 2023 in Jakarta on August 21, 2023.

Pelindo in 2024 will focus on developing an industrial area integrated with the port. "We are starting to move from efficient port services (gateways) to traffic stimulators," said Pelindo President Director Arif Suhartono in Jakarta, January 31, 2024.

According to Arif, with global and Indonesian economic conditions tending to stagnate, the traffic flow of goods will increase limited. Therefore, Pelindo has an interest in increasing the volume of goods traffic by encouraging ports that are integrated with industrial areas (hinterland) so that the company's growth can increase higher.

Currently, Pelindo is developing three ports integrated with industrial estates, namely Java Integrated Industrial and Ports Estate (JIIPE) in Gresik, East Java, in collaboration with AKR Corporindo, Kijing Terminal in Mempawah Regency, West Kalimantan, and Kuala Tanjung, Batubara Regency, North Sumatra.

"The goal is to create more efficient logistics costs and at the same time encourage the strengthening of the regional economy," Arif said again. He added, JIIPE has tenants who are connected to PT Freeport Indonesia. In JIIPE, Freeport has a metal refining plant (smelter). The area of the industrial estate in JIIPE reaches 1,761 hectares.

In Kijing, Pelindo currently controls 124 hectares of land which is prepared as an industrial area. The location is just behind the Kijing Terminal. This port and industrial area can accommodate two of West Kalimantan's main commodities, namely palm oil and bauxite. Bauxite reserves in West Kalimantan account for 67 percent of Indonesia's total reserves.

Kuala Tanjung is already the base of the palm oil and metal industries in North Sumatra. The existence of an industrial area that is integrated with the port will make the flow of goods smooth and efficient. Moreover, KIKT has also been connected to the Sei Mangkei Special Economic Zone through toll roads and railways.