

SMN will involve geologists to ensure the safety of the mining environment in Trenggalek

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Pine planting activities by the PT SMN CSR team (ANTARA/HO - External SMN)

Trenggalek (ANTARA) - PT. Sumber Mineral Nusantara (SMN) will certainly involve the central government, especially from Badan Geologi to conduct study related to environmental and water resources in its operational area of Trenggalek, East Java.

"This step is important for us to take because we have to ensure that the company's operations will not harm the community," said SMN's External Affairs Handi Andrian in a press release received on Saturday.

He emphasized that the presence of SMN in Trenggalek should be able to provide positive benefits for the community and the region. The company will also ensure that its operations are in line with the regulations.

“Our efforts to coordinate with Badan Geologi are in line with the direction of the Trenggalek’s Bupati. In his statement, he asked the company to involve a competent institution that has the capacity according to its expertise, namely the Badan Geologi. We really appreciate this and we will follow up on this,” said Handi.

During this time, there has been a growing issue that the company's operations will eventually destroy water sources in the area.

Therefore, it is necessary to conduct an in-depth and professional study to ensure this.

“the presence of the company should not harm the community, indeed. Water is the source of life. The company and its employees, once they are operational, will also need water. So, it is impossible for the company to destroy the water source that is needed by all parties, including the company. However, we don't want to argue baselessly. Let independent parties and experts do the study,” he continued.

Handi emphasized that the presence of an investment if it is carried out in accordance with existing regulations or rules, will certainly provide many benefits.

Job vacancies, regional income, the growth of various new businesses, the increase in the local economy cycle, the growth in consumption levels, which in turn will reduce the number of poverty and develop the region.

SMN is also committed to being open and accepting constructive and beneficial input for the community. Togetherness in regional development is very necessary.

Companies also need to be monitored properly so that they operate according to the regulations.

“Let alone the company, we as individuals also have to watch over each other so that we are getting better from day to day. Companies are like that too. Anyone, must provide input and supervise each other, of course for the sake of developing one another,” he said.

Until now, SMN has not carried out operational activities in Trenggalek. SMN will still continue to conduct research or exploration in the area of the permit granted.

The company ensures that all operations in the field will be socialized first to the local community. The company hopes that its presence can provide optimal benefits.

“Trenggalek could be more developed and advanced from various sides if all parties, local governments, investors, and communities unite to build Trenggalek, of course, while still prioritizing the public interest and the regulations,” concluded Handi.