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ASM INCOME DISTRIBUTION 6.30 SEN PER UNIT

KUALA LUMPUR: Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) has announced an income distribution of 6.30 sen per unit for Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM) for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

The income distribution will involve a total payout of RM1,026.75 million benefitting 536,862 unit holders who currently hold 16.298 billion units of ASM.

Until 11 March 2016, ASM has recorded a gross income of RM1.26 billion. Profit from the sale of shares contributed RM659.96 million or 52.23% of the gross income.

Dividend income from investment in companies contributed RM423.66 million or 33.53%, while the balance of RM180.01 million or 14.24% was derived from investments in short term instruments.

The calculation of the income distribution is based on the average minimum balance held throughout the financial year of ASM.

As to enable the unit holders benefit the return from the growth of the ASM fund units, the income distribution will be reinvested automatically and credited into the unit holder's account on 1 April 2016, subject to the availability of ASM unit. Should ASM has reached its maximum fund size, the income distribution will be paid by cheque.

To facilitate the calculation of income distribution, all ASM transactions will be suspended beginning 23 March 2016 to 31 March 2016. Unit holders can update their ASM investment book beginning 1 April 2016 when transactions resume.

ASM is an "Equity-Income Fund" aimed at providing unit holders a long –term investment opportunity that generates regular and competitive returns through a diversified portfolio of investments.

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