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ASNB DECLARES 6.00 SEN INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ASW 2020

• Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), the wholly-owned unit trust company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) today announced the income distribution for its fixed price fund, Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020) for the financial year ending 31 August 2018.

• More than 870,000 ASW 2020 unit holders will receive 6.00 sen per unit, with the total income distribution amounting to RM1.18 billion.

• All transactions for ASW 2020 have been suspended effective 30 August 2018 until 1 September 2018 to facilitate the computation of income distribution. Unit holders will be able to check and update their accounts through ASNB’s online portal www.myasnb.com.my or at any ASNB branch or with ASNB agents nationwide from 2 September 2018.

Kuala Lumpur, 28 August 2018: Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), the wholly-owned unit trust company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), today announced an income distribution of 6.00 sen per unit for its fixed price fund Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020) for the financial year ending 31 August 2018.

ASW 2020 will distribute RM1.18 billion in income distribution to more than 870,000 unit holders who currently own 19.6 billion units. Launched in 1996, ASW 2020 is a fixed price fund that offers investment opportunities by providing reasonable rates of return to unit holders through investments in selected portfolios comprising permitted investments. As at 31 July 2018, ASW 2020 recorded a net income of RM1.179 billion for the first 11 months of its financial year.

PNB Group Chairman, Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Aziz said, “Despite a challenging market environment throughout the fund’s financial year, PNB through ASNB’s unit trust operations has been able to deliver sound and competitive returns to unit holders of ASW 2020. PNB is committed to upholding its mandate to enhance the economic wealth of the Bumiputera community and Malaysians through investments that generate sustainable returns.”

Overall, factors such as the geopolitical situation, the global economic environment and financial markets have greatly affected local stock market movements. During the first
11 months of ASW 2020’s financial year, the FBM KLCI recorded a growth of only 0.6%, from 1,773.2 points on 31 August 2017 to 1,784.3 points on 31 July 2018.

She added, “As at 31 July 2018, ASW 2020 earned a total gross income of RM1.398 billion, with profit from sale of shares contributing RM718.76 million or 51.4%, while dividend income from investments in listed and non-listed companies accounted for RM468.50 million or 33.5% of the total gross income. The remaining RM210.80 million or 15.1% was from investments in sukuk/Islamic fixed deposit as well as interest income.”

The calculation of income distribution for ASW 2020 is based on the average minimum balance held throughout the financial year of the fund. The declared distribution will be reinvested in the form of additional units into unit holders' accounts and will be automatically credited on 1 September 2018.

Unit holders may update their accounts via the ASNB portal myasnb.com.my, or at any ASNB branch or with ASNB agents nationwide from 2 September 2018. All transactions for ASW 2020 have been suspended from 30 August 2018 until 1 September 2018 for income distribution calculations.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO UNIT HOLDERS

- Effective 31 March 2018, income distribution statements, annual reports and interim reports of variable price funds are disseminated via electronic means.
- Income distribution statements are sent to unit holders’ registered email addresses, while reports are accessible at the ASNB website: www.asnb.com.my.
- Unit holders and registered guardians are encouraged to update their details at any ASNB Branches or with ASNB Agents nationwide. Those who still prefer to receive a physical copy may write to ASNB by filling in the relevant form downloadable at the ASNB website.
- For further information, unit holders may refer to www.asnb.com.my or call the ASNB Hotline at 03-2057 3000.

About Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB)
Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) is Malaysia’s leading fund management company with assets under management of more than RM280 billion. PNB’s portfolio covers strategic investments in leading Malaysian corporates, global equity, private investments and real estate. For more information, please visit www.pnb.com.my.

About Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB)
Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) is a wholly-owned unit trust management company of PNB and currently manages 12 unit trust funds with total Units in Circulation of nearly 229 billion units and 13.5 million accounts. For more information, please visit www.asnb.com.my.

About ASW 2020
ASW 2020 is a fixed price equity fund which aims to provide a reasonable level of regular distribution income to unit holders, from investments in a selected portfolio of authorised investments. Bumiputera investors can invest in 51% of the approved fund size, while the remaining 49% is for eligible Malaysian investors.

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