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ASN 2 SUSTAINS INCOME DISTRIBUTION RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015

KUALA LUMPUR - Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) has announced an income distribution of 3.45 sen per unit for Amanah Saham Nasional 2 (ASN 2) for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

PNB Chairman, Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said, with regard to the implementation of unit split of 1 unit-to-1 unit held (1:1) for Amanah Saham Nasional 2 (ASN 2) on 18 July 2014, the rate of 3:45 cents per unit based on the par value of RM0.50 is equivalent to a rate of 6.90 sen per unit on par value of RM1.00, similar to the rate announced by ASN 2 last year.

The income distribution portion will involve a total payout of RM44.15 million, an increase of 135.2% compared to the RM18.77 million paid out last year.

The payment will benefit some 19,557 unit holders which currently hold a total of 1.28 billion units of ASN 2.

Until 26 June 2015, ASN 2 has recorded a gross income of RM30.50 million. From the amount, dividend income from investment in companies contributed RM15.92 million or 52.2%. Additionally, profit from the sale of shares contributed RM10.36 million or 34.0% of the gross income, while the remaining of RM4.22 million or 13.8% were derived from other instruments.

The income distribution is calculated based on the units held on the last day of the ASN 2 financial year ended 30 June 2015. The income distribution payment will be re-invested into additional units and will be automatically credited into the unit holders' accounts based on the net asset value as at 30 June 2015.

Meanwhile, the income distribution payment for unit holders who subscribe through the Employees Provident Fund Scheme (EPF) will be credited into their EPF accounts respectively.

Unit holders will be able to update their ASN 2 accounts beginning 1 July 2015 at any ASNB offices or ASNB agents nationwide. All transactions for ASN 2 at the ASNB headquarters, ASNB offices and agents have been suspended from 24 June 2015 until 30 June 2015 to facilitate the calculation of income distribution, and will resume on 1 July 2015.

ASN 2 is a variable priced Equity Growth Fund. Launched in 1999, ASN 2 provides the opportunity for unit holders to generate reasonable dividend yield as well as capital appreciation at an acceptable level of risk through a diversified portfolio of investments.

ASN 2 performance in terms of its total returns and yield can be compared to other instruments with similar features and risk levels.

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