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6.40 SEN INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ASW 2020

KUALA LUMPUR: Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), a wholly owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), today announced an income distribution of 6.40 sen per unit for Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020) for the financial year ended 31 August 2015.

The income distribution this year will involve a total payment of RM1.14 billion. The payment will benefit 883,422 unit holders which currently hold 17 billion units of ASW 2020.

The rate of ASW 2020 income distribution is reasonable on the back of stock market downturn and is competitive against other investment instruments of similar features and risk profile.

The performance of ASW 2020 throughout the financial year end 31st of August 2015 was greatly affected by the performances of the domestic and global stock markets which were severely challenging as of late.

Up until 25 August 2015, ASW 2020 has recorded a gross income of RM1.39 billion. From this amount, profit from the sale of shares contributed RM709.04 million or 51%, while dividend income from investee companies contributed RM477.06 million or 34.3%, and the remaining RM203.74 million or 14.7% from short term instruments and other income.

The rate of ASW 2020 income distribution is relatively reasonable in light of the current market conditions and if it was to be placed against other investment instruments that are suitable for comparison.

The calculation of income distribution will be based on the average monthly minimum balance held throughout the financial year of ASW 2020.

The income distribution will be reinvested automatically in the form of units so as to enable the unit holders to benefit from the growth of the fund. It will be credited to the unit holders' accounts on 1 September 2015, the first day of the consecutive financial year of ASW 2020.

Investors who participated in ASW 2020 through the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Members' Investment Scheme will have their income distribution credited directly to their respective EPF accounts.

All transactions for ASW 2020 has been suspended beginning 25 August 2015 until 31 August 2015 to facilitate the calculation of income distribution. Unit holders will be able to update their accounts at ASNB main office, ASNB branches or ASNB agents nationwide beginning 1 September 2015. The income distribution statement together with the fund's annual report will be sent to unit holders beginning mid October 2015.

ASW 2020 is a fixed price equity fund, in which 51% of the approved fund size is for eligible Malaysian Bumiputera investors, while the remaining 49% is for eligible Malaysian investors, both from the age of six months old and above.

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