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AS 1MALAYSIA ANNOUNCED INCOME DISTRIBUTION OF 6.40 SEN PER UNIT

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 1Malaysia (AS 1Malaysia) for the financial year ended 30 September 2015.

The income distribution will involve a total payment of RM694.96 million, an increase of 5.6% compared to RM657.96 million of total payment made last year.

Chairman of PNB, Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said the income distribution will benefit a total of 395,036 unit holders which currently hold 10.9 billion units of AS 1Malaysia.

Up until 28 September 2015, AS 1Malaysia has recorded a gross income of RM813.57 million. Profit from the sale of shares has contributed RM431.35 million or 53.0%, while dividend income from investee companies has contributed RM233.75 million or 28.7% from the gross income. The remaining RM148.47 million or 18.3% is derived from investments in short term instruments and other income.

He added that the investment manager of AS 1Malaysia had to prioritise the capital preservation as well as the ability of the fund to generate suited income distribution in accordance with the current market and economic environment.

"Therefore, the income distribution of AS 1Malaysia is duly reasonable in comparison with other investment instruments with similar features," he added further.

The calculation of the AS 1Malaysia income distribution will be based on the average monthly minimum balance held throughout the financial year of the fund.

The income distribution will be reinvested in additional units and will be automatically credited into the unit holders' accounts on 1 October 2015. All transactions for AS 1Malaysia have been suspended on 24 September 2015 until 30 September 2015 to facilitate the calculation of income distribution.

Unit holders will be able to update their passbook at ASNB head office, ASNB branch offices or ASNB agents beginning 1 October 2015.

Investors who participated in AS 1Malaysia through the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Members' Investment Scheme will have the income distribution credited directly into their respective EPF accounts.

The income distribution statement together with the fund's annual report will be sent beginning mid November 2015.

AS 1Malaysia fund is also the investment instrument used in the Skim Amanah Rakyat 1Malaysia (SARA 1Malaysia), a special scheme introduced by the Government to encourage low income earners to save and invest, as well as to help them manage the effect of the rising cost of living.

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