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ASNB PAID MORE THAN RM10 BILLION FOR ASB INCOME DISTRIBUTION

An income distribution of 7.25 sen per unit and a bonus of 0.50 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 7.25 sen per unit and a bonus of 0.50 sen per unit for Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB) for the financial year ended 31 December 2015.

The income distribution portion will involve a total payout of RM10.41 billion by ASNB, an increase of 4.3% compared to the RM9.98 billion paid out last year. The bonus portion will involve a total payout of RM451.73 million by PNB.

PNB Chairman, Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said, the payment will benefit 8.87 million unit holders which currently hold a total of 142.54 billion units of ASB.

“The income distribution and bonus of ASB is competitive, comparable with other investment instruments with similar features,” he said during the press conference today.

Up to 23 December 2015, ASB has recorded a total gross income of RM10.06 billion. Dividend income from investee companies contributed RM4.51 billion or 44.8% of the gross income. Meanwhile, profit from the sale of shares contributed RM3.60 billion or 35.8% of the gross income and the balance of RM1.95 billion or 19.4% derived from other income.

The calculation of income distribution is based on the average monthly minimum balance held throughout the financial year of ASB ending 31 December 2015. The calculation of the bonus on the other hand is based on the average monthly minimum balance held by the unit holders in the past ten years, starting from 2006 up to 2015.

The income distribution and bonus will be automatically credited into the respective unit holders' accounts. Unit holders will be able to update their accounts beginning 4 January 2016.

All transactions for ASB at the ASNB head office, ASNB branch offices and agents have been suspended on 24 December 2015 until 3 January 2016 to facilitate the calculation of income distribution and bonus.

ASB is a fixed price equity income fund, opened for Bumiputera aged 6 months and above. The fund is aimed at generating long term, competitive and consistent return to the unit holders whilst ensuring the preservation of capital at reasonable level of risk tolerance.

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