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INCOME DISTRIBUTION OF 7.05 SEN PER UNIT FOR ASB 2

KUALA LUMPUR – Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) has announced an income distribution of 7.05 sen per unit for Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

Chairman of PNB, Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said, “This year’s income distribution will involve a total provision of RM213.07 million, an increase of 131.6% compared to RM92.00 million paid last year. This distribution would benefit 159,480 unit holders who currently hold 4.40 billion units of ASB 2.”

He added, “The ASB 2 fund had gone through a rather tough financial year for two consecutive years, due to the global and domestic economic slowdown, continuous fall of crude oil and palm oil prices, as well as depreciation of the Malaysian Ringgit against the US Dollar. However, the performance of ASB 2 remains satisfactory for the financial year ended 2016.”

Until 18 March 2016, ASB 2 recorded a gross income of RM228.72 million. From this amount, income from the sale of shares contributed RM101.81 million or 44.5%. Meanwhile, dividend income from investment in companies contributed RM87.97 million or 38.5%, whereas the remaining RM38.94 million or 17.0% derived from other income.

The calculation of the income distribution is based on the average monthly minimum balance held throughout the financial year of ASB 2.

The income distribution rate of ASB 2 is reasonably competitive as compared to other similar investment instruments, as well as taking into account the current investment environment.

Transactions for ASB 2 will be suspended starting from 23 March 2016 to 31 March 2016, at the ASNB Head Office, its branches and agents nationwide for income calculation purposes. ASB 2 transactions will resume as usual beginning 1 April 2016.

ASB 2 is a ‘Mixed Asset Income Fund’ which was launched on 2 April 2014, with the objective to generate a consistent, long term returns, as well as ensuring the capital preservation of unit holders through investments in mixed asset portfolios.

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