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ASNBS DECLARES 5.00 SEN INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ASM 2 WAWASAN

- Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNBS), the wholly-owned unit trust company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), today announced the income distribution for its fixed price fund, Amanah Saham Malaysia 2 Wawasan (ASM 2 Wawasan) for the financial year ending 31 August 2019.
- A total of 883,049 unit holders for ASM 2 Wawasan will receive 5.00 sen per unit, with the total income distribution amounting to RM1.06 billion.
- The total payout remains competitive especially given the highly challenging market environment where FBM KLCI declined by 10.16% for the financial year to date up to 31 July 2019.
- Transactions for ASM 2 Wawasan have been temporarily suspended at all branches from 29 August to 2 September 2019 to facilitate the computation of income distribution for the financial year ending 31 August 2019. Unit holders will be able to check and update their accounts on www.myasnbs.com.my or via the myASNBS mobile application when transactions resume on 3 September 2019.

Kuala Lumpur, 30 August 2019: Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNBS), the wholly-owned unit trust company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) today announced an income distribution of 5.00 sen per unit for its fixed price fund Amanah Saham Malaysia 2 Wawasan (ASM 2 Wawasan) for the financial year ending 31 August 2019.

ASM 2 Wawasan, which was previously known as Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020, will be paying out a total of RM1.06 billion in income distribution to 883,049 unit holders who currently hold 21.6 billion units. The fixed price fund recorded a net income of RM760 million for the first 11 months of its financial year as at 31 July 2019, on the back of a subdued local stock market performance impacted by external and global factors.

PNB Group Chairman, Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Aziz said, “We are pleased to be able to continue providing consistent competitive returns to our unit holders despite the prevailing challenging market during the fund’s financial year. Given the highly volatile challenging domestic and global financial markets, we are focused on strengthening our resilience and remain firmly committed to our mandate to enhance the economic wealth of the Bumiputera community and Malaysians through sound investments, which we believe would ensure sustainable returns for the long term.”

Since the beginning of the financial year of ASM 2 Wawasan, FBM KLCI has declined by 10.16% from 1,819.66 at the closing of 31 August 2018 to 1,634.87 as at 31 July 2019. As at 31 July 2019, ASM 2 Wawasan generated a total gross income of RM979.5 million, with profit from sale of shares contributing RM231.05 million or 24%. Dividend income from investments in listed and non-listed companies amounted to RM569.48 million or 58% of total gross income, with the remaining RM178.98 million or 18% from investments in sukuk/Islamic fixed deposit as well as income from other fixed income instruments.

The computation of the income distribution for ASM 2 Wawasan is based on the average minimum balance held throughout the financial year of the fund. The distribution declared by ASM 2 Wawasan will be re-invested as additional units into the accounts of the unit holders and will be automatically credited on 1 September 2019.

Transactions for ASM 2 Wawasan have been temporarily suspended from 29 August to 2 September 2019 to facilitate the computation of income distribution. Unit holders may update their accounts via the ASNB portal www.myasnb.com.my or via the myASNB mobile application, or at any ASNB branch and ASNB agents nationwide when transactions resume on 3 September 2019.

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About Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB)

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Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB)

Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) is the unit trust company of PNB with 32 branch offices and more than 2,600 agents' branches nationwide. ASNB currently manages 14 unit trust funds with a total of 248.5 billion units in circulation (UIC) and 14.1 million accounts. For more information, please visit www.asnb.com.my or call the ASNB Customer Service Centre at 03 7730 8899

Amanah Saham Malaysia 2 Wawasan (ASM 2 Wawasan)

ASM 2 Wawasan (formerly known as Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020) is a fixed price fund launched on 28 August 1996. ASM 2 Wawasan is a mixed asset/income fund suitable for investors who understand investment risk and reward and expect to benefit from long-term growth through re-investment of distribution (if any) as well as to receive regular income (if any) on their capital.

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