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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2016

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### 1. PRODUCTION

In January 2016, the total production of natural rubber (NR) was registered at **75,132** tonnes, increased by **1,548** tonnes (+**2.1%**) when compared to a month ago. Comparison to January 2015 showed a decrease of **6,622** tonnes (-**8.1%**). Production of NR by the smallholdings sector contributes **92.1** per cent whilst the remaining is from the estate sector. Month-on-month, smallholding sector recorded an increase at **2.4** per cent while estate sector a decrease **1.7** per cent.

### 2. EXPORTS

A total of **51,503** tonnes of NR was exported in January 2016. Total exports of NR dropped by **2,651** tonnes (-**4.9%**) from a month ago and **17,962** tonnes (-**25.9%**) from a year ago. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributes **94.9** per cent from the total exports where **62.4** per cent is S.M.R. 20.

The main destination for exports of NR were the People's Rep. of China (**41.4%**), followed by Germany (**13.8%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**5.3%**), U.S.A. (**5.2%**), Finland (**4.3%**), Turkey (**3.9%**), Brazil (**3.0%**), Taiwan (**1.7%**) and Portugal (**1.2%**).

### 3. IMPORTS

In January 2016, imports of NR was recorded at **109,244** tonnes. Imports increased when compared to month-on-month and year-on-year at **588** tonnes (+**0.5%**) and **13,113** tonnes (+**13.6%**) respectively. The main type of NR imported were Standard Rubber (**28.6%**) and Latex Concentrate (**24.6%**). NR was imported mainly from Thailand (**56.4%**) and Viet Nam (**13.9%**).

### 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Domestic consumption of NR in January 2016 was **39,468** tonnes, dropped by **1,906** tonnes (-**4.6%**) from December 2015. However, when compared to January 2015, the domestic consumption of NR showed an increase of **1,349** tonnes (+**3.5%**).

Rubber gloves industry is the largest NR consumer at **29,497** tonnes (**74.7%**)

### 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks of NR held at the end of January 2016 rose by **25.2** per cent to **222,597** tonnes compared to the level of stocks of the previous month. The biggest portion of the stocks was held by

rubber processors (**91.6%**).

## 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME

### (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

The overall average monthly price of NR in January 2016 was lower compared to the previous months. The average monthly price of latex concentrate decrease **3.1** per cent to **347.53** sen compared to December 2015. The price of latex concentrate also dropped by **29.16** sen (**-7.7%**) from January 2015. The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **466.89** sen per kilogramme in January 2016, reduced by **24.99** sen (**-5.1%**) for month-on-month and **36.75** sen (**-7.3%**) for year-on-year.

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

A total of **11,718** persons were engaged in rubber estates at the end of January 2016 where **11,714** were paid employees with salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM15.6** million. The number of paid employees declined **4.6** per cent for year-on-year.

## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

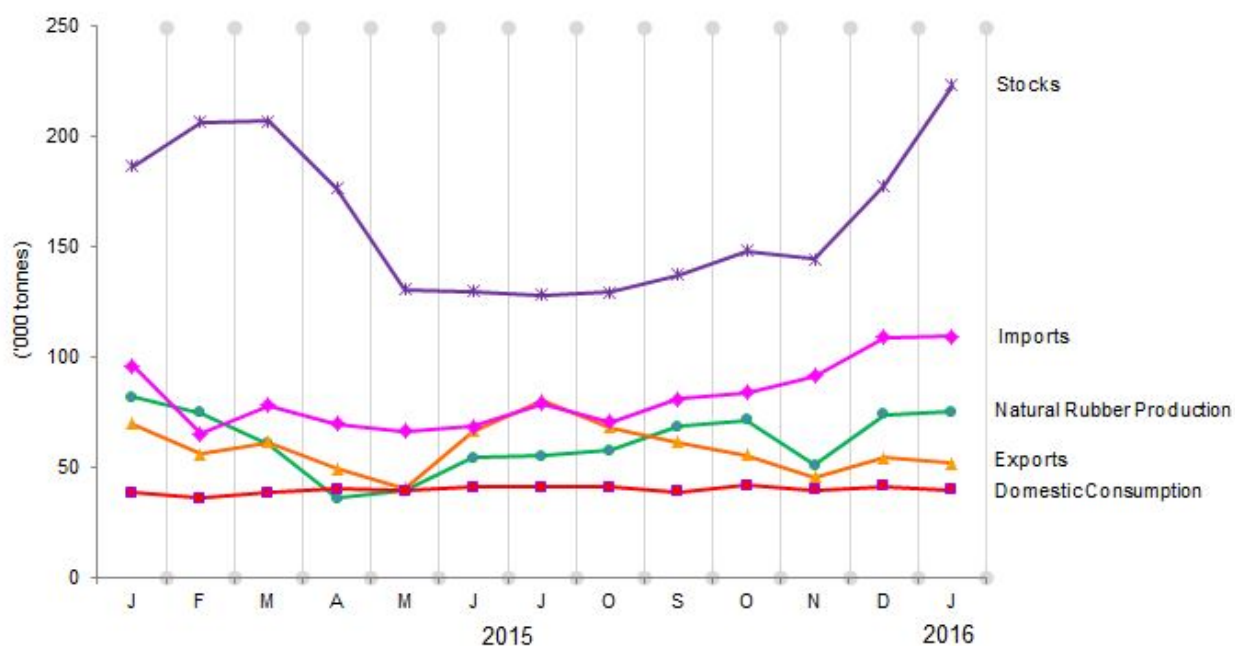
The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **147.6** kilogramme per hectare in January 2016. The productivity of NR production decrease by **8.2** kilogramme per hectare (**-5.3%**) when compared to month-on-month. Year-on-year also shows decline in productivity by **0.4** kilogramme per hectare (**-0.3%**).

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

### PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF RUBBER, JANUARY 2016

| Principal Statistics          | January 2016 | December 2015 | January 2015 | Change month-on-month (%) | Change year-on-year (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Production (tonnes)           | 75,132       | 73,584        | 81,754       | 2.1                       | -8.1                    |
| Exports (tonnes)              | 51,503       | 54,154        | 69,465       | -4.9                      | -25.9                   |
| Imports (tonnes)              | 109,244      | 108,656       | 96,131       | 0.5                       | 13.6                    |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes) | 39,468       | 41,374        | 38,119       | -4.6                      | 3.5                     |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)       | 222,597      | 177,743       | 186,579      | 25.2                      | 19.3                    |
| Number of paid workers        | 11,714       | 11,636        | 12,274       | 0.7                       | -4.6                    |
| Salaries & wages (RM'000)     | 15,642       | 19,919        | 16,718       | -21.5                     | -6.4                    |

# MONTHLY PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, IMPORTS, DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND STOCKS OF NATURAL RUBBER 2015/2016



\*Notes:

Data for January 2016 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the February 2016 publication.

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