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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2015

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### 1. PRODUCTION

In January 2015, the total production of natural rubber (NR) which was registered at **81,798** tonnes, increased by **28,600** tonnes (**+53.8%**) when compared to a month ago. Comparison to January 2014 showed a decrease of **10,419** tonnes (**-11.3%**). The smallholding sector contributed **93.0** per cent of the total NR while the estate sector **7.0** per cent. Month-on-month, both smallholding and estate sectors recorded an increase in production at **56.4** per cent and **25.5** per cent respectively.

### 2. EXPORTS

NR exports in January 2015 increased by **27** tonnes (**+0.0%**) compared to the previous month to **69,465** tonnes. Exports fell **953** tonnes (**-1.4%**) when compared to a year ago. The Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) constituted **93.7** per cent of total exports of which the S.M.R 20 grade was the highest grade exported (**61.9%**).

NR was mainly exported to People's Rep. of China (**47.1%**), followed by Germany (**13.3%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**7.6%**), U.S.A. (**3.7%**), Brazil (**3.5%**), Mexico (**2.7%**), Portugal (**2.2%**), Finland (**2.2%**) and Rep. of Korea (**1.8%**). The total exports to these countries accounted for **84.1** per cent of the overall NR exports .

### 3. IMPORTS

In January 2015, total imports of NR was **96,131** tonnes. Month-on-month comparison shows an increase in imports by **10,938** tonnes (**+12.8%**). Nevertheless, for year-on-year, imports dropped by **10,323** tonnes (**-9.7%**). Standard Rubber was the main type of NR imported at **32,548** tonnes (**33.9%**) of total imports.

The main suppliers of NR were Thailand (**52.7%**) and Viet Nam (**23.5%**). These two countries accounted for **76.2** per cent of the total imports of NR .

### 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

In January 2015, the total domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **37,923** tonnes. Domestic consumption of NR shows an increase of **214** tonnes (**+0.6%**) when compared month-on-month and **2,853** tonnes (**+8.1%**) for year-on-year.

The rubber gloves industry was the highest consuming industry of NR at **27,378** tonnes (**72.2%**), followed by rubber thread (**8.8%**) and tyre & tubes (**7.9%**). The total consumption of these three industries constituted **88.9** per cent of the overall domestic consumption of NR.

### 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks of NR in January 2015 which registered at **187,720** tonnes was **45,840** tonnes (**+32.3%**) higher than December 2014 but compared to a year ago, the level of stocks dropped by **35,391** tonnes (**-15.9%**).

## 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

In January 2015, the average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **376.69** sen per kilogramme, went up by **14.46** sen (**+4.0%**) when compared to December 2014. Nevertheless, average price of latex concentrate was lower than January 2014 by **108.68** sen (**-22.4%**).

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **503.64** sen in January 2015, declined by **1.63** sen (**-0.3%**) for month-on-month and **199.52** sen (**-28.4%**) for year-on-year.

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

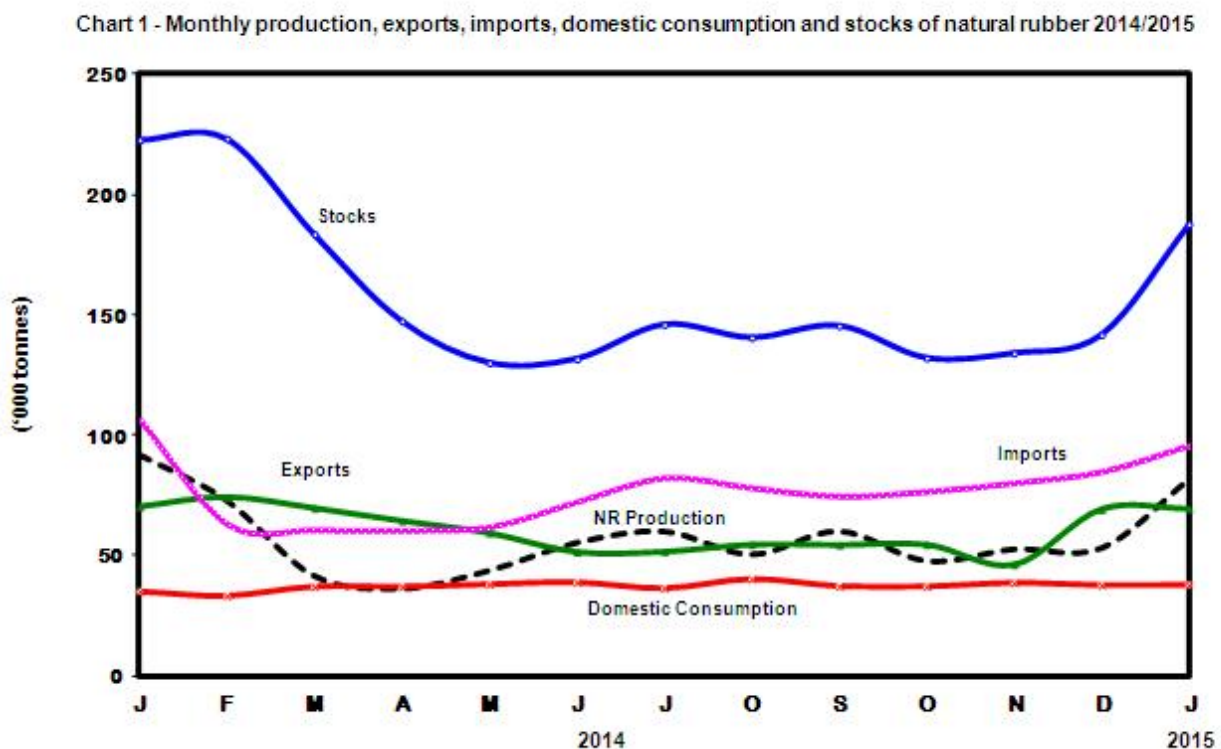
A total of **12,185** persons were engaged in the rubber estates at the end of January 2015, where **12,181** persons were paid employees with salaries and wages paid amounting to **RM16.6** million. The number of paid employees decreased by **179** persons (**-1.4%**) from December 2014 and **439** persons (**-3.5%**) from January 2014.

## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production in estates increased by **26.0** per cent to **146.5** kilogram per hectare (kg/ha) in January 2015 when compared to December 2014. Year-on-year, productivity showed a small increase of **2.2** kilogram per hectare (kg/ha)(**+1.5%**).

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



### \* Notes:

Data for January 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the February 2015 publication.

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