MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS MALAYSIA FEBRUARY 2015

PERFORMANCE IN FEBRUARY 2015

1. SALES VALUE

The sales value of the Manufacturing sector in February 2015 decreased by 2.6% (RM1.4 billion) to record RM52.1 billion as compared to RM53.5 billion reported a year ago. Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the sales value has decreased by 9.0% (RM5.1 billion) compared with the preceding month. The sales value in January 2015 has been revised based on latest data available.

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month, the sales value in February 2015 decreased by 2.8%. Year-on-year, the decrease in sales value in February 2015 was due to the decrease in 51 of 138 industries surveyed. Table A shows the five (5) main industries that recorded decrease in sales value on yearly basis.

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Chart 1: Sales Value of the Manufacturing Sector

Table A: Sales value of manufacturing industries (percentage change from corresponding month of preceding year)

	Sales Value		Decrease	
To the state of		February February		0/
Industries	, 2014	2015	(Million)	%
Manufacture of refined petroleum products	13,131.9	10,073.5	3,058.4	23.3
Manufacture of other products of natural or synthetic rubber, unvulcanized, vulcanized or hardened	852.8	572.0	208.8	32.9
Production of pig iron and spiegeleisen in pigs, blocks or other primary forms	1,808.7	1,629.9	178.8	9.9
Manufacture of computers	2,227.7	2,093.7	134.0	6.0
Manufacture of communication equipment	875.5	750.0	125.5	14.3

2. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Total employees engaged in the Manufacturing sector in February 2015 was 1,030,484 persons, an increase of 0.9% or 8,999 persons as compared to 1,021,485 persons in February 2014. Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the number of employees decreased by 0.4% compared with the preceding month. The total employees in January 2015 has been revised to record 1,034,589 persons.

3. SALARIES & WAGES

Year-on-year basis, salaries & wages paid in February 2015 has increased by 7.2% (RM200.2 million) as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the total amount paid in February 2015, has decreased by 0.4% (RM12.1 million) to register RM2,973.9 million. Salaries & wages paid in January 2015 has been revised to record RM2,986.0 million.



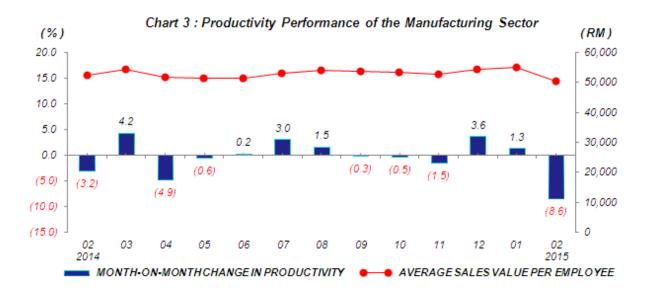
Chart 2: Number of Employees and Salaries & Wages in Manufacturing Sector

4. AVERAGE SALARIES & WAGES PER EMPLOYEE

The average salaries & wages paid per employee increased by 6.3% in February 2015 as compared to the same month in 2014. Meanwhile, average salaries & wages per employee maintained to register RM2,886 compared to previous month.

5. PRODUCTIVITY

Productivity or average sales value per employee in February 2015 declined by 3.5% as compared with the same month of the previous year. Meanwhile, productivity in February 2015 has decreased by 8.6% month-on-month to register RM50,518. Productivity in January 2015 has been revised to RM55,285.



6. PERFORMANCE IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015

During January – February 2015, the sales value of the Manufacturing sector rose by 0.1% to register RM109.3 billion. The number of employees engaged during the period, increased by 0.9% to register 1,030,484 persons.

Cumulatively, productivity has decreased by 0.7% to record RM106,023 as shown in Table B.

Table B: Sales Value, Number of Employees and Salaries & Wages, January - February 2015

	January - February				
Monthly Manufacturing Statistics	2014	2015	% Change		
Sales Value (RM million)	109,114.9	109,254.6	0.1		
Number of Employees	1,021,485	1,030,484	0.9		
Salaries & Wages (RM million)	5,633.7	5,959.9	5.8		
Productivity (RM)	106,820	106,023	-0.7		

* Notes:

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

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