MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS MALAYSIA MAY 2015

PERFORMANCE IN MAY 2015

1. SALES VALUE

The sales value of the Manufacturing sector in May 2015 decreased by 4.2% (RM2.3 billion) to record RM50.8 billion as compared to RM53.1 billion reported a year ago (see Chart 1). Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the sales value decreased by 4.0% (RM2.1 billion) compared with the preceding month. The sales value in April 2015 has been revised based on latest data available.

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month, the sales value in May 2015 decreased by 3.2%. Year-on-year, the decrease in sales value in May 2015 was due to the decrease in 52 of 138 industries surveyed. Table A shows the five (5) main industries that recorded decrease in sales value on yearly basis.

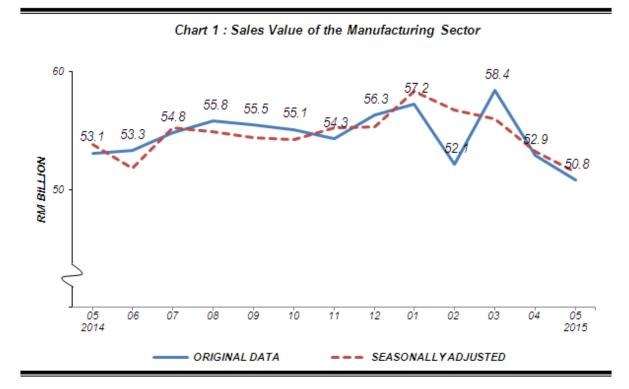


Table A: Sales value of manufacturing industries (percentage change from corresponding month of preceding year)

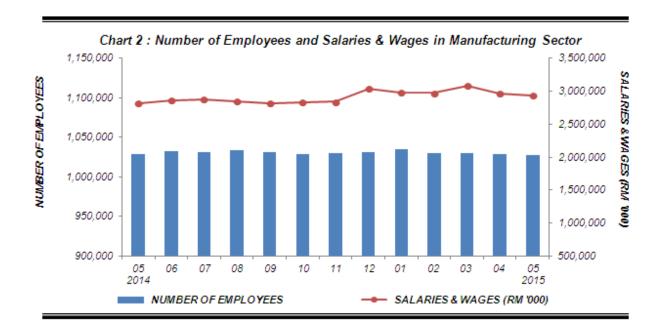
| | Sales Value | | Decrease | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| Industries | May, 2014 | May, 2015 | RM (Million) | % |
| Manufacture of refined petroleum products | 12,553.2 | 9,274.1 | 3,279.1 | 26.1 |
| Manufacture of diodes, transistors and similar semiconductor devices | 5,017.6 | 4,214.0 | 803.6 | 16.0 |
| Manufacture of communication equipment | 789.4 | 664.7 | 124.7 | 15.8 |
| Manufacture of measuring, testing, navigating and control equipment | 251.1 | 162.9 | 88.2 | 35.2 |
| Manufacture of passenger cars | 2,178.5 | 2,099.0 | 79.5 | 3.6 |

2. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Total employees engaged in the Manufacturing sector in May 2015 was 1,027,503 persons, a decrease of 0.2% or 1,598 persons as compared to 1,029,101 persons in May 2014 (see Chart 2). Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the number of employees decreased marginally as compared to 1,029,255 persons in the preceding month.

3. SALARIES & WAGES

Year-on-year basis, salaries & wages paid in May 2015 increased by 4.1% (RM115.6 million) as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Meanwhile, month-on-month basis, the total amount paid in May 2015, decreased by 0.9% (RM27.3 million) to register RM2,937.7 million.

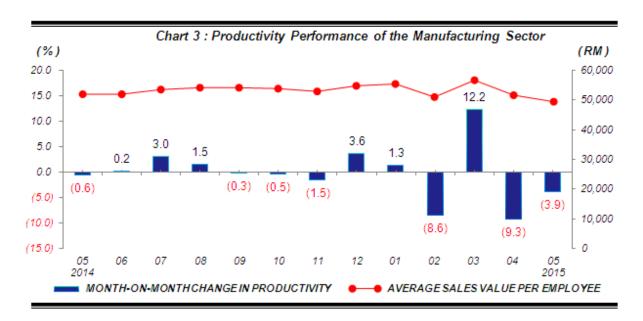


4. AVERAGE SALARIES & WAGES PER EMPLOYEE

The average salaries & wages paid per employee increased by 4.3% in May 2015 as compared to the same month in 2014. Meanwhile, average salaries & wages per employee registered RM2,859 in May 2015, a decrease of 0.8% compared to previous month.

5. PRODUCTIVITY

Productivity or average sales value per employee in May 2015 decreased by 4.1% as compared with the same month of the previous year. Meanwhile, productivity in May 2015 decreased by 3.9% month-on-month to register RM49,451 (see Chart 3).



6. PERFORMANCE IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2015

During January - May 2015, the sales value of the Manufacturing sector decreased to register RM271.4 billion. The number of employees engaged during the period, decreased by 0.2% to register 1,027,503 persons.

Cumulatively, productivity increased by 0.2% to record RM264,165 as shown in Table B.

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

| | January - May | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| Monthly Manufacturing Statistics | 2014 | 2015 | % Change | | |
| Sales Value (RM million) | 271,351.4 | 271,430.2 | 0.03 | | |
| Number of Employees | 1,029,101 | 1,027,503 | -0.2 | | |
| Salaries & Wages (RM million) | 14,213.7 | 14,944.2 | 5.1 | | |
| Productivity (RM) | 263,678 | 264,165 | 0.2 | | |

* Notes:

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

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