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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2015

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### 1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in October 2015 was recorded at **70,843** tonnes, increased by **2,583** tonnes (**+3.8%**) from September 2015. Year-on-year comparison also shows an increase of **22,791** tonnes (**+47.4%**). The main contributor of NR was from the smallholding sector at **91.8** per cent whilst the remaining is from the estate sector. Smallholding and estate sector shows an increase in production of **3.6** per cent and **5.9** per cent respectively as compared to the previous month.

### 2. EXPORTS

Exports of Malaysian NR in October 2015 reduced by **9.5** per cent to **55,398** tonnes as compared to September 2015. Nevertheless, it shows an increased by **703** tonnes (**+1.3%**) if compared to a year ago. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributes **94.3** per cent from the total exports where **67.0** per cent is S.M.R. 20.

The main destination for exports of NR were the People's Rep. of China (**51.1%**), followed by Germany (**12.1%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**5.9%**), U.S.A. (**5.1%**), Brazil (**2.8%**), Rep. of Korea (**2.6%**), France (**2.2%**), Turkey (**2.1%**) and Taiwan (**2.0%**).

### 3. IMPORTS

In October 2015, imports of NR was **83,925** tonnes increased by **3.8** per cent when compared to September 2015. The increase of **7,064** tonnes (**+9.2%**) was recorded year-on-year. The main type of NR imported was Latex Concentrate (**32.0%**) and Standard Rubber (**30.8%**).

NR was mainly imported from Thailand and Viet Nam at **56.1** per cent and **21.3** per cent respectively.

### 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

In October 2015, domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **41,790** tonnes, increased by **3,112** tonnes (**+8.0%**) when compared to September 2015. Year-on-year comparison also shows an increase of **4,561** tonnes (**+12.3%**).

The highest industry that consumed NR was the rubber gloves industry at **30,743** tonnes (**73.6%**), followed by tyre & tubes (**8.3%**) and rubber thread (**7.3%**). These three industries consumed **37,277** tonnes (**89.2%**) of NR.

### 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks of NR held at the end of October 2015 rose by **7.4** per cent to **147,318** tonnes compared to the level of stocks of the previous month. For year-on-year comparison, an increase of **11.3** per cent was recorded. The biggest portion of the stocks was held by Rubber Processors (**87.7%**).

## 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME

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

The average price of latex concentrate was recorded at **403.93** sen in October 2015, dropped by **8.92** sen (**-2.2%**) from the previous month whereas for year-on-year, it was increased by **23.36** sen (**+6.1%**).

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **529.07** sen per kilogramme, decrease of **3.01** sen (**-0.6%**) when compared to month-on-month. Nevertheless, year-on-year comparison shows an increased by **43.33** sen (**+8.9%**).

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

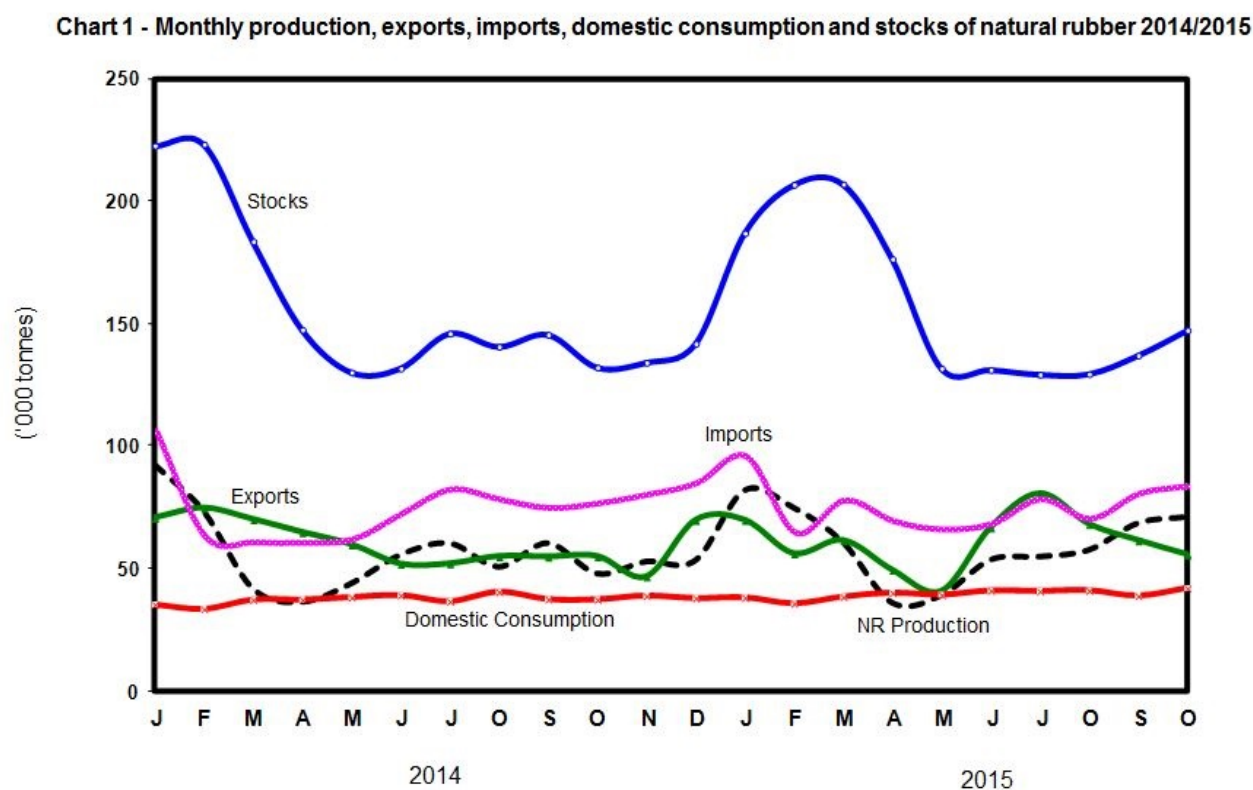
In October 2015, the total number of workers engaged in rubber estates was **11,789** persons. The number of paid employees was **11,785** persons and receiving salaries & wages of **RM15.9** million. Compared to the previous month, the number of paid employees decreased by **135** persons (**-1.1%**). Year-on-year, the number of paid employees dropped by **637** persons (**-5.1%**).

## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **148.8** kilogramme per hectare in October 2015, increased by **8.3** kilogramme per hectare (**+5.9%**) from the previous month and **33.9** kilogramme per hectare (**+29.5%**) from the previous year.

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



\*Notes:

Data

for

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