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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2015

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## 1. PRODUCTION

In March 2015, the total production of natural rubber (NR) was recorded at **60,918** tonnes, decreased by **13,551** tonnes (**-18.2%**) from the previous month. However, this month's production is **18,952** tonnes (**+45.2%**) higher than March 2014. The smallholding sector contributes **94.0** per cent of the total NR production while the remaining is from the estate sector. Both of smallholding and estate sectors recorded a decrease in production at **17.0** per cent and **33.5** per cent for month-on-month respectively.

## 2. EXPORTS

A total of **61,167** tonnes of NR was exported in March 2015. Exports increased by **5,362** tonnes (**+9.6%**) from the previous month but decreased by **8,591** tonnes (**-12.3%**) from March 2014. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **92.1** per cent from the total exports of NR with **57.7** per cent comprised of S.M.R. 20.

NR was mainly exported to the People's Rep. of China (**41.1%**), followed by Germany (**10.4%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**7.3%**), U.S.A. (**5.3%**), Finland (**3.1%**), Brazil (**3.1%**), Taiwan (**3.1%**), Turkey (**2.1%**) and Rep. of Korea (**1.7%**).

## 3. IMPORTS

Total imports of NR in March 2015 was **78,123** tonnes, went up by **13,179** tonnes (**+20.3%**) as compared to the previous month. For year-on-year, the imports also increased by **17,123** tonnes (**+28.1%**). A total of **37.1** per cent of the overall imports comprised of latex concentrate.

NR was imported mainly from Thailand at **59.8** per cent and Philippines (**9.5%**).

## 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Total domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **38,326** tonnes in March 2015. Comparing to February 2015, domestic consumption went up by **2,762** tonnes (**+7.8%**). Year-on-year comparison also shows an increase of **1,183** tonnes (**+3.2%**).

The rubber gloves industry was the largest consumer of NR at **27,585** tonnes (**72.0%**), followed by rubber thread (**8.7%**) and tyre & tubes (**8.4%**). These three industries together consumed **34,116** tonnes (**89.0%**) of this month's total NR.

## 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks in March 2015 was recorded at **209,772** tonnes. Month-on-month and year-on-year comparison shows an increase in the level of NR stocks at **2,934** tonnes (**+1.4%**) and **25,506** tonnes

(+13.8%) respectively.

## 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME

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

Overall, the average monthly price of NR in March 2015 has shown an increase. The average price of latex concentrate was recorded at **420.18** sen, increased by **36.85** sen (**+9.6%**) compared to February 2015 but has dropped by **70.32** sen (**-14.3%**) when compared to March 2014.

The average price of S.M.R. 20 was **512.93** sen in March 2015, that is **13.13** sen (**+2.6%**) higher than the previous month whereas for year-on-year, the price dropped **110.62** sen (**-17.7%**).

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

A total of **12,158** persons were engaged in the rubber estate in March 2015 of which **12,154** were paid employees. Total salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM13.6 million**. The number of paid employees dropped by **1.2** per cent for month-on-month and **4.1** per cent for year-on-year.

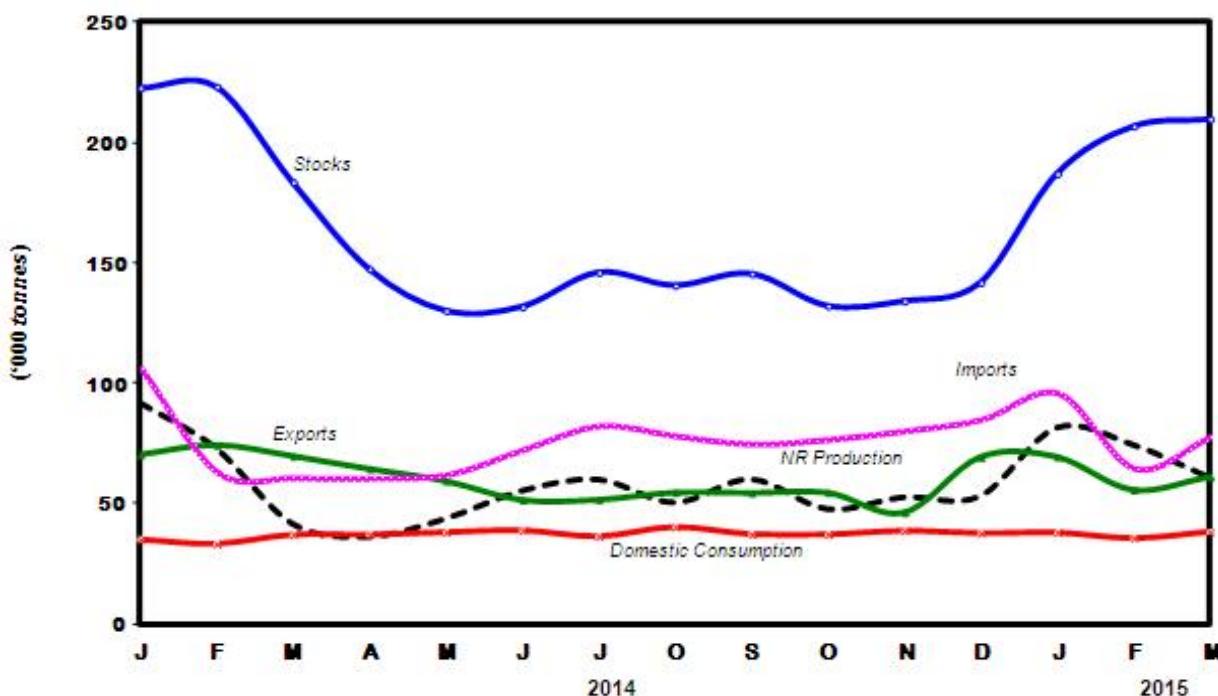
## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **95.0** kilogramme per hectare in March 2015, dropped by **45.4** kilogramme per hectare (**-32.3%**) from the previous month but increased **21.7** kilogramme per hectare (**+29.6%**) from March 2014.

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.

Chart 1 - Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2014/2015



### \* Notes:

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

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