



PETRON SUSTAINS RECOVERY IN Q2 2021

KUALA LUMPUR – Petron Malaysia Refining & Marketing Bhd (PMRMB) reported a net income of RM42 million for the second quarter of 2021, reversing the RM69 million net loss it incurred in the same period last year, driven by the recovery in global oil prices and higher domestic sales volume.

Dated Brent crude prices continued to trend upward with its second quarter average reaching US\$69 per barrel, up 13% from US\$61 for the first quarter. This, as OPEC+ producers maintained their compliance to supply cuts alongside the gradual demand recovery in major economies. It is worthy to note that Dated Brent's Q2 average rose by more than double from the US\$29 per barrel in the same quarter last year when oil prices plunged at the onset of the pandemic.

The Company posted RM2 billion in revenues during the second quarter, twice as much as the RM1 billion it earned in the same period in 2020 driven by higher oil prices and sales volume. Despite the re-imposition of a Full Movement Control Order (FMCO) during the second quarter total sales volume grew by 4% over the same period last year as more essential sectors and services were allowed to operate during the FMCO.

PMRMB generated a gross profit of RM113 million during the quarter, a complete turnaround from the RM68 million gross loss in the same quarter last year when prices plunged at an unprecedented level. The inventory holding gains from the upturn in prices and gradual recovery in domestic sales largely contributed to the margin improvement.

For the first half of the year, the company delivered a net income of RM145 million which is a reversal from the RM153 million loss incurred for the same period last year.

“Fortunately, we are able to deliver another positive performance thanks to our financial resilience and competitiveness, as well as the over-all improvements in the global oil industry. We will strive to

strengthen our volume recovery initiatives, cost rationalization measures, and prudent risk management efforts to sustain this momentum despite the ongoing threats of the pandemic,” said PMRMB Chairman Ramon S. Ang.

Petron continued to reach out to affected communities. The Company worked with more than 190 service station dealers for a Food Bank and Community Table initiative. In June, it launched the “PetronMyKasih Jom Derma” donation programme, allowing Petron Miles (PMiles) cardholders to donate their points for charity. The funds collected will be coursed through MyKasih Foundation, a government-approved organization targeting B40 families.

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