

PETROLEUM FUND QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter ended 30 June 2017

PRESS RELEASE

The Banco Central de Timor-Leste (BCTL) today released the Quarterly Report of the Petroleum Fund of Timor-Leste for the period ended 30 June 2017. The report shows that the capital of the fund as of 30 June 2017 was \$16.50 billion compared to \$16.26 billion at the end of the previous quarter.

The report shows that the gross capital inflows during the quarter were \$95.65 million, consisting of \$41.76 million of contributions from taxpayers to the Fund, and royalty contributions from the National Petroleum Authority of \$53.89 million.

The investment income of the Fund for the quarter was \$392.58 million comprising dividends and interest received was \$95.05 million, change in the market value of financial assets was \$168.68 million, and FX was \$128.84 million. This represented a portfolio return of the Fund for the quarter was 2.38% while the benchmark return for the period was 2.41%.

The Petroleum Fund law specifies that the Operational Manager (Banco Central de Timor-Leste) is the agent responsible for the operational management of the Fund. The Ministry of Finance is responsible for setting the overall investment strategy for the Fund.

The Banco Central de Timor-Leste has managed the portfolio close to the benchmark over the period. The difference in return between the total portfolio and the benchmark since the inception of the fund is 3 basis point or 0.03 percent.

Highlights of the XLVIII Quarterly Report, which covers the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017 include:

- The capital of the Fund at 30 June 2017 was \$16.50 billion.
- Gross cash inflows to the fund from royalties and taxes were \$95.65 million.
- Cash outflows were \$243.94 million of which \$240 million was transferred to the State Budget and \$3.94 million was for management costs.
- Net cash inflows during the period were -\$148.29 million.
- The portfolio return in the quarter was 2.38% compared with the benchmark return of 2.41%.

The Quarterly report, as well as the Petroleum Fund Law and Management Agreement, are available from the Banco Central's website https://www.bancocentral.tl

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