

## **Petroleum Fund Quarterly Report**

**Quarter ended 31 December 2010**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Banking & Payments Authority (BPA) today released the Quarterly Report ended 31 December 2010 of the Petroleum Fund of Timor-Leste showing that the Capital of the fund as of 31 December 2010 was \$6,903.99 million compared to \$6,603.63 million at the end of September 2010.

The report shows that the gross capital inflows during the quarter were \$762.16 million, consisting of \$291.31 million as contributions of taxpayers to the Fund, royalty contributions from the NPA (National Petroleum Authority) of \$470.86 million. The investment income of the Fund was -24.41 million of which the coupon and interest received was \$53.53 million and the change in the market valuation was -\$77.94 million. This resulted in a portfolio return of the Fund for the quarter of -0.36%, while the benchmark return for the period was -0.35%. The portfolio return was -0.01% below the benchmark return.

The Petroleum Fund law specifies that the BPA, as the future central bank of 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 mandate given to the BPA has not changed, namely to manage the fund closely to the Merrill Lynch 0-5 years US Government Bond Index, while the mandate given to the BIS is to manage a diversified bond portfolio in an active manner with the objective of outperforming the benchmark while maintaining an ex-ante tracking error within 100 basis points.

Following the appointment of Schrodgers, a management of an initial amount of \$260 million was transferred to Schrodgers and the portfolio was implemented in early October 2011. The objective is to manage the portfolio in an enhanced passive indexing style and maintained within a tracking error relative to the benchmark that does not normally exceed 100 basis points, and with load differences maintained within 0.5% (security level) and 2.5% (country and sector levels). At no time shall the ex-ante tracking error exceed 150 basis points.

An updated revised management agreement including a new investment mandate between the Ministry of Finance and the Banking & Payments Authority was signed on 25 June 2009 and its annex 1 was further updated on 8 October 2010.

The BPA has managed the portfolio close to the benchmark over the first 22 quarters. The difference in return between the portfolio and the benchmark since the inception of the fund in 2005 is -3 basis points.

Highlights of the XXII Quarterly Report, which covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 2010, include:

- The capital of the Fund grew from US\$ 6,603.63 million to US\$ 6,903.99 million.
- Gross cash inflows to the fund from royalties, taxes and other receipt were US\$ 762.16 million consisting of tax payers was \$291.31 million and royalties was \$470.86 million.
- Cash outflows were US\$ 437.38 million in which US\$ 436.00 million for transfers to State Budget and US\$1.38 million for direct external and internal management costs.
- Net cash inflows during the period were US\$ 324.78 million.
- The portfolio return in the period was -0.36% compared with the benchmark return for the quarter of -0.35%.
- Following the appointment of Schroder Investment Management Limited, the management of an initial amount of US\$ 260 million transferred to Schroders and the portfolio was implemented on 8 October 2010.

The quarterly reports, as well as the Petroleum Fund law and Management Agreement, are available from the Banking & Payments Authority's website [www.bancocentral.tl](http://www.bancocentral.tl).

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