



## **PETROLEUM FUND QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Quarter ended 31 December 2015**

### **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 31 December 2015. The report shows that the capital of the fund as of 31 December 2015 was \$16.22 billion compared to \$16.44 billion at the end of the previous quarter.

The report shows that the gross capital inflows during the quarter were \$192.67 million, consisting of \$84.02 million in contributions from taxpayers to the Fund, and royalty contributions from the National Petroleum Authority of \$108.65 million.

The gross investment income of the Fund for the quarter was \$228.32 million comprising dividends and interest received was \$73.33 million, change in the market value of financial assets was \$219.56 million, and FX was -\$60.55 million. This represented a portfolio return of the Fund for the quarter was 1.37% while the benchmark return for the period was 1.55%.

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 1basis point or 0.01 percent.

Highlights of the XLII Quarterly Report, which covers the period from 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 include:

- The capital of the Fund at 31 December was \$16.22 billion.
- Gross cash inflows to the fund from royalties and taxes were \$192.67 million.
- Cash outflows were \$642.80 million of which \$640 million was transferred to the State Budget and \$2.80 million was for management costs.
- Net cash inflows during the period were negative -\$447.33 million.
- The portfolio return in the quarter was 1.37% compared with the benchmark return of 1.55%.

The quarterly report, as well as the Petroleum Fund Law and Management Agreement, are available from the Banco Central's website [www.bancocentral.tl](http://www.bancocentral.tl).

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