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### MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, DECEMBER 2018

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#### **Natural rubber production in December 2018 gained 5.4 per cent**

Malaysia's natural rubber production increased **5.4** per cent from **52,174** tonnes in November 2018 to **54,992** tonnes in December 2018. However, year-on-year comparison showed the production dropped by **18.0** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was recorded at **377.00** sen per kilogramme, declined by **1.0** per cent whereas the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) was **518.18** sen per kilogramme, increased **1.7** per cent as compared to the average price in November 2018.

Malaysia's natural rubber exports amounted **48,183** tonnes, shrank by **9.0** per cent as compared to **52,943** tonnes in November 2018. Main destination of exported natural rubber was to China with **46.5** per cent of the total exports in December 2018 followed by Germany (**14.8%**), Finland and U.S.A (**4.6%**) respectively and Iran (**3.1%**).

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in December 2018 was **41,823** tonnes against **42,971** tonnes during November 2018 with a decrease of **2.7** per cent. The rubber glove industry as the main consumer uses **76.2** per cent (**31,886** tonnes) of the total domestic consumption of natural rubber.

Stock of natural rubber stood at **173,848** tonnes, gained by **2.3** per cent as compared to **169,939** tonnes at the end of November 2018.

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\*Notes:

Data for December 2018 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the January 2019 publication.

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