

**ASSB Announces Interim Dividends Of 1.50 Per Cent
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KUCHING, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Amanah Saham Sarawak Berhad (ASSB) today announced an interim cash distribution of 1.50 per cent or equivalent to 1.5 sen per unit for the state unit trust fund, Amanah Saham Sarawak (ASSAR) unit holders, for the first half of its financial year ending June 30, 2012.

A total of RM8.32 million will be distributed to the 72,263 registered unit holders, who had subscribed to 554.54 million ASSAR units as at December 2011.

"The interim cash distribution, which is the 24th dividend exercise for ASSAR since its inception in August 1993, demonstrates its commitment and ability to sustain the policy of declaring dividends to its unit holders," ASSB, the management company, said in a statement here.

It said dividends amounting to RM500 and below would be automatically reinvested into ASSAR units and credited into the holders' accounts.

Cheque payments for dividend amounts exceeding RM500 would be forwarded to the unit holder's latest address in the ASSAR investor register.

The net asset value of ASSAR following the interim dividend payment will remain at RM1.00 per unit.

Since its inception, ASSAR had distributed a total of RM578.04 million in cash dividend and bonus units to its investors, or equivalent to an average return of 6.57 per cent per annum.

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