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KOTA BARU: Kota Baru Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) manager Arman Che Othman was charged in the Sessions Court with 13 counts of corruption and money laundering, involving RM135,200.

Arman, 47, pleaded not guilty to all the charges after they were read out before judge Nazri Ismail yesterday.

Eleven of the charges were under Section 17 (a) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, while the remaining two were under Section 4 (1)(b) of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

On the 11 charges under the MACC Act, Arman was charged, as

the Tanah Merah TNB director, with accepting gratification totalling RM61,000 from a contractor to approve the progress report for projects between September 2013 and July 2014.

The charge provides for imprisonment of up to 20 years and a fine of not less than five times the sum or value of the gratification, or

RM10,000, whichever is higher, upon conviction.

On the two other charges, Arman was alleged to have used RM9,000 from an account belonging to KS Maju Solution, which was proceeds obtained from unlawful activities, between Sept 18 and Dec 21, 2013.

On the second count, he was charged with engaging in money

laundering, involving RM55,200 from an account belonging to KS Maju Solution, at the same place between Jan 1 and Oct 18, 2014.

He faces imprisonment of up to 15 years, or a fine of not less than five times the aggregate sum or value of proceeds from the illegal activities, whichever is higher, if found guilty. — Bernama