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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **TNB INKS MOU WITH ELIA, ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OPERATOR**

- *covers cooperation in asset management, cross-boundary system and market operations, grid development, network studies, renewable integration and exchange of technical information*
- *13 collaborative projects proposed under the 2+1 year MoU*

Tenaga Nasional Berhad ("TNB") has signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with Elia System Operator SA ("Elia"), one of the largest Transmission System Operator in Europe, for a strategic collaboration in sharing of best practices in capacity building.

Elia, listed on the Euronext Brussels stock exchange, is the transmission operator for Belgium and East German, serving 30 million residents. It has 18,000 km of high voltage lines in Belgium and Germany and 30,000 Megawatt (MW) of installed capacity in renewable energy.

The MoU between TNB and Elia, among others covers cooperation in asset management, cross-boundary system and market operations, grid development, network studies and renewable integration.

Both parties will also exchange technical information such as through annual reports and surveys, solution to problems, technical visits, study trips and the necessary training programs.

TNB President/Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Ir. Azman Mohd said TNB has proposed 13 collaborative projects under the two-year MoU, which is extendable for another year.

One of the proposed collaborative project will benefit TNB's role in the regional ASEAN Power Grid (APG) initiative, he said during the exchange of MoU document, witnessed by the Belgian Ambassador to Malaysia, His Excellency, Mr. Danial Dargent. Ir. Azman's speech was read by TNB Chief Corporate Officer, Datuk Wira Roslan Ab Rahman.

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During the 35th Asean Ministers on Energy Meeting held in Manila recently, a significant milestone was achieved for APG with the signing of an Energy Purchase and Wheeling Agreement by TNB, Lao's Electricite du Laos (EDL) and Thailand's Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT).

Ir. Azman also said that the MoU bodes well for TNB's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project and ventures into RE, both locally and overseas.

Chief Infra Officer Elia Group & Chairman of Elia Grid international, Markus Berger, in his speech said with the MoU, Elia offers its expertise as TNB's anchor partner in achieving TNB's corporate and nation building vision.

"Elia believes that international collaboration and exchange of innovation intelligence is important for success. The key is to synergise as together is better," he added.

The MoU was signed by Ir. Azman on behalf of TNB and Markus Berger, who represented the Elia Group.

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### ***About Tenaga Nasional Berhad***

*TNB's core activities are in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. In addition to being the nation's primary electricity generation enterprise, TNB also transmits and distributes all the electricity in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Federal Territory of Labuan. As at 31 August 2016, TNB supplies electricity to approximately 9.2 million customers.*

*TNB, through its subsidiaries, is also involved in the manufacturing of transformers, high voltage switchgears and cables; the provider of professional consultancy services, construction and operating and maintenance of district cooling facilities, generation equipment, repair and maintenance, fuel supply services; services related to renewable energy, energy efficiency and power quality; higher education and skill training and undertakes research and development.*

*As an integrated electricity provider, TNB has and will continue to meet its crucial role in powering the nation's progress.*