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TNB OPTIMISTIC OF GROWTH FROM STRATEGIC PLAN, TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION & IBR

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) is poised for continued growth and sustainability as the company is on track to meet the targets of its 10-year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan, called Reimagining TNB is anchored by concrete measures aimed at making TNB a Top 10 Global Utility by 2025.

Its Chairman, Tan Sri Leo Moggie said that the measures initiated under Reimagining TNB and the steps taken to leverage on technology, increase efficiency and enhance customers experience would ensure continued growth and sustainability for TNB.

“We are also optimistic that the second Regulatory Period (2018-2020) will remain supportive of TNB’s fundamentals, ensuring the continued delivery of value for the Company, our shareholders and all our other stakeholders,” he said at the company’s 28th Annual General Meeting here today.

He explained that among others, TNB was taking advantage of digital and technological innovations for its generation and grid operations, as well as introduce products and services beyond the meter.

Inefficient ageing plants have been decommissioned and replaced with more efficient and economical plants. The current gold standard in coal-fired power plants, namely ultra-supercritical technology, was being used for newer plants.

Coal-fired power plants, using the ultra-supercritical technology has improved efficiency of 40 percent compared with 36 percent efficiency from conventional pulverised coal firing system.

“Our 70 percent-owned Jimah East Power Plant is on track to begin operations in 2019. The plant, TNB’s third that uses the ultra-supercritical technology, will generate 2,000MW of electricity. This will increase TNB’s share of Malaysia’s generation capacity to 53.2 percent from the present 51.8 percent, thus contributing towards the stability of the National Grid system.”

Moggie pointed out that TNB's proposed acquisition of a 100 percent stake in an Information Technology (IT) company, Setia Haruman Technology Sdn Bhd (SHTech) from Setia Haruman Sdn Bhd would provide it with strategic capability to enhance services to its customers such as smart meters, smart homes, smart building, smart industries and smart cities.

"We see potential in energy-related services beyond the meter involving advanced technologies. We will continuously offer new products and services to meet our customer needs."

TNB President/Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Ir. Azman Mohd said for grid operation, TNB would continue to invest in digitisation and automation as well as improve its performance and reliability.

He stated that from the RM18.8 billion capital investment in transmission and distribution grid secured under the second Regulatory Period, RM2.7 billion would be invested into "Grid of the Future" technologies that help improve the grid's reliability and efficiency.

These include the scheduled deployment of 340,000 smart meters in Melaka and subsequent deployment of an additional 1.2 million smart meters in the Klang Valley.

Azman also said that the scale and vast presence of TNB's operations in Malaysia have provided the opportunity to support local vendors and support local communities and economies.

"With over 68 years' experience operating in Malaysia, we are proud to embody sustainability, not only within our business, but also of the environment and the communities we serve.

"On behalf of TNB, I would like to express our thanks to the shareholders for their continued trust and support. For our customers, business partners and other stakeholders, we are grateful for your role in making TNB a world-class utility."

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