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Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) today announced a pre-tax profit of RM 1,923.0 million for the first nine months of FY2001 ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2001, compared to RM 1,463.8 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Despite the moderating economic growth, the period under review recorded an encouraging 5.48% growth in sales over the previous corresponding period, from RM 10,076.5 million to RM 10,629.0 million driven by increased electricity demand from domestic, industrial and commercial sectors.

The ongoing process improvements and tighter cost control measures instituted at the operational and support levels continue to bring overall improvements. For the first nine months of FY2001, net profit after taxation attributable to shareholders registered an increase of RM 480.8 million to RM 1,799.4 **million** (EPS of 57.9 cent), as compared to RM 1,318.6 million (EPS of 42.5 cent) in the corresponding period, representing an increase of 36.5%.

In addition, the depreciation of Yen has contributed RM 734.6 million in translation gain on borrowings for the first three quarters of FY2001, against a loss of RM 276.2 million in the previous corresponding period.

As a conservative and prudent company, the Board of TNB has decided to provide further provisions on diminution of fixed assets in a subsidiary company overseas amounting to

RM 250 million and also provisions for the redemption premium and fees on its

7.875% USD Notes due 2004 and 7.200% USD Notes due 2007 totaling RM 123.7 million. This includes the provisions with respect to the commission and discount on issue of 7.625% USD Notes due 2011.

TNB expects continuing positive growth in electricity demand in line with the country's economic growth. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Board of Directors anticipates the group's performance for the current financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2001 to remain satisfactory.

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