The Banco Central de Timor–Leste (BCTL) today released the Quarterly Report of the Petroleum Fund of Timor-Leste for the period ended 31 December 2014. The report shows that the capital of the fund as of 31 December 2014 was $16.5 billion.

The report shows that the gross capital inflows were $209.67 million, consisting of $142.69 million as contributions of taxpayers to the Fund, and royalty contributions from the NPA (National Petroleum Authority) of $66.97 million as of 31 December 2014.

The gross investment income of the Fund was $141.88 million of which the dividend and interest received was $74.14 million and the change in the market valuation of its financial assets was $267.32 million and the FX gain/loss was -$199.58 million as of 31 December 2014. This resulted in a portfolio return of the Fund for the quarter was 0.83%, while the benchmark return for the period was 0.87%.

The Petroleum Fund law specifies that the Operational Manager (Banco Central de Timor-Leste) is the agent responsible for the operational management of the Fund. The Ministry of Finance is responsible for setting the overall investment strategy for the Fund.

The Banco Central de Timor-Leste has managed the portfolios close to the benchmark over the periods. The difference in return between the total portfolio and the benchmark since the inception of the fund was 2 basis points (0.02%).

Highlights of the XXXVIII Quarterly Report, which covers the period from 01 October 2014 to 31 December 2014, include:

- The capital of the Fund was US$16.5 billion.
- Gross cash inflows to the fund from royalties and taxes were US$209.67 million.
- Cash outflows were US$396.22 million of which $392 million transfers to the State Budget and $4.22 million was for management costs.
- Net cash inflows during the period were -$186.56 million.
- The portfolio returns in the quarter was 0.83% compared with the benchmark return of 0.87%.

The quarterly reports, as well as the Petroleum Fund Law and Management Agreement, are available from the Banco Central’s website www.bancocentral.tl.

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