

MEDIA RELEASE

Axiata Appoints New Independent Non-Executive Director to its Board

Kuala Lumpur, 21 March 2017 – Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata) today announced the appointment of Dato' Dr Nik Ramlah Nik Mahmood, (aged 61), Malaysian, as an Independent Non-Executive Director (INED) of its Board effective today. Dr Nik Ramlah's appointment reflects the Board's focus and commitment towards strengthening its composition with the right skills, experience, diversity and independence.

Dr Nik Ramlah served at the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) for almost 23 years, retiring on 31 March 2016 after completing two terms as Deputy Chief Executive. As Deputy Chief Executive, Dr Nik Ramlah was the only other executive member of the SC Board apart from the Chairman. In her role she was responsible for the SC's Supervision and Enforcement functions. She also played an integral role in supporting the Chairman in the administration and management of the Commission.

Throughout her years in the SC, Dr Nik Ramlah has been instrumental in developing many areas of the capital market. She has extensive experience in specialised functions ranging from regulatory policy, legal reform, product and market development, corporate governance, Islamic capital market, investor education and enforcement.

She joined the SC in 1993 as Manager of Law Reform and went on to become Director of the Policy and Development Division in 1997. In 2008, she was made Managing Director and Executive Director of the Enforcement Division. Prior to joining the SC, Dr Nik Ramlah was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya where she had also served as Deputy Dean.

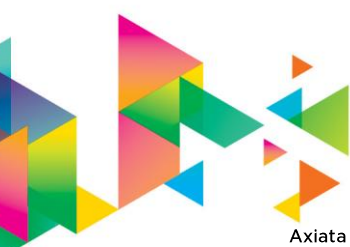
Currently, Dr Nik Ramlah is a member of the Board of Directors of United Malacca Berhad, Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia, the Securities Industry Development Corporation and Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad. She is also a member of the Professional Development Panel (Senate) of INCEIF, the global university for Islamic finance and an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA.

Dr Nik Ramlah holds a First Class Honours in Law from University Malaya and a LLM and PhD from University of London.

Commenting on the appointment, Axiata's Chairman, Tan Sri Azman Hj. Mokhtar said, "We are pleased to welcome Dato' Dr Nik Ramlah to the Board, who brings with her a wealth of experience with many years of service in the legal and public sectors. Axiata has a track record of continually strengthening its Board with accomplished individuals with diverse professional backgrounds and corporate experiences to meet the needs of the Group."

Tan Sri Jamaludin Ibrahim, President & Group Chief Executive Officer of Axiata added, "As a regional entity with a large investment portfolio, we welcome Dato' Dr Nik Ramlah to the Board and look forward to working alongside her. Her views and advice from both legal and regulator's standpoint on capital markets, government relations and corporate development will serve to strengthen Board discussions and decisions as we advance our position in ASEAN and South Asia."

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About Axiata

As one of the largest Asian telecommunication companies, Axiata today operates in ten countries, servicing over 320 million subscribers. With a diverse portfolio in mobile network operations, communications infrastructure services and digital services, the Group pieces together the best in connectivity, technology and people in its vision of Advancing Asia.

Axiata has controlling stakes in market leading mobile operators in South East Asia and South Asia. Axiata Group of companies operate under the brand name of 'Celcom' in Malaysia, 'XL' in Indonesia, 'Dialog' in Sri Lanka, 'Robi' in Bangladesh, 'Smart' in Cambodia and 'Ncell' in Nepal. Further to this, the Group also holds strategic interests in 'Idea' in India and 'M1' in Singapore.

'edotco', the Group's infrastructure company, operates in six countries to deliver telecommunications infrastructure services, amassing a portfolio of over 16,000 towers and 12,000 km of fibre. It aims to be one of the top regional tower companies and is committed to responsible and sustainable business operations.

Axiata Digital (AD), its digital services arm, captures the rapid growth in internet-based businesses through its portfolio of 24 digital brands, servicing growing demands in mobile money, mobile advertising, e-commerce, entertainment and education.

As a committed and long-term investor, Axiata provides employment to 25,000 people within its operations. In line with its sustainability goals, the Group actively supports and drives young talent development; disaster response and recovery; as well as green initiatives.

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