

Suez chief cites possible 'error' in ship grounding

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Egypt's Suez Canal chief said on Saturday that "technical or human errors" could be behind the grounding of a huge container ship across the vital waterway, blocking the passage of more than 300 vessels.

Osama Rabie, head of the Suez Canal Authority, told reporters that it was possible the ship would be afloat again by Sunday night.

The crisis has crippled global supply chains, forcing cargo shipping firms to choose between waiting for the canal to become unblocked or rerouting vessels around the southern tip of Africa, an expensive undertaking.

Officials previously blamed 40 knot gusts and a sandstorm for the accident, but Rabie said on Saturday that "strong winds and weather factors" were not solely responsible, noting that there "may have been technical or human errors".

Asked when the vessel might be freed, he sounded an optimistic note. "We could finish today or tomorrow [Sunday], depending on the ship's responsiveness" to tides, he said.

More than 320 ships carrying billions of dollars worth of cargo are now stalled at either end of the vital shipping lane linking Asia to Europe.

The 193 kilometer-long canal from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean is vital for trade between the continents. The alternative route, around the Cape of Good Hope, requires an additional 12 days at sea.

Egypt is losing US\$12 million to \$14 million in revenue from the canal each day it is closed, Rabie added.

The MV Ever Given, which is longer than four soccer fields, has been wedged diagonally across the canal since Tuesday, blocking it in both directions.

In one sign of the event's far-reaching effects, Syrian authorities said on Saturday that they had been forced to ration already



Reuters/Mohamed Abd El Ghany

Ever waylaid: The Ever Given, one of the world's largest container vessels, lies aground in the Suez Canal in Egypt on Saturday. The vessel, which is longer than four soccer fields, has been wedged diagonally across the waterway since Tuesday, blocking traffic in both directions.

scarce fuel supplies.

The Suez suspension "has impacted oil imports to Syria and slowed the arrival of a ship carrying fuel and oil products" from government ally Iran, Syria's Oil Ministry said.

Romania's Animal Health Agency said on Saturday that 11 ships carrying livestock out of the country were affected by the blockage. NGO Animals International warned of a potential "tragedy" affecting some 130,000 animals.

Those involved in salvage efforts have given varying predictions about how long it could take to reopen the canal.

Yukito Higaki, president of

Japanese firm Shoen Kisen, which owns the MV Ever Given, told local media on Friday that the ship could be free by late Saturday.

The executive director of Royal Boskalis, parent company of Smit Salvage, which is in charge of the salvage operation, suggested the ship could be afloat again "at the start of next week".

Peter Berdowski said on Friday that a crane was being set up to remove hundreds of containers from the ship's foredeck.

But Nick Sloane, a South African salvage master who is in charge of refloating Italy's Costa Concordia cruise liner, said that could involve "a very long delay".

Bernhard Schulte Shipman-

agement (BSM) – the ship's technical manager – said efforts were focused on "dredging to remove sand and mud from around the port side of the vessel's bow".

Rabie told journalists on Saturday that 14 tugboats had been deployed to help free the ship.

But the vessel, with a gross tonnage of 219,000 and a deadweight of 199,000 tons, has yet to budge, forcing global shipping giant Maersk and Germany's Hapag-Lloyd to look into rerouting around Africa.

Lloyd's List, a shipping data and news company, said Evergreen's Ever Greet had already done so, adding that the blockage was holding up an estimated \$9.6

billion worth of cargo each day between Asia and Europe.

The liabilities for those losses could be hard to establish, according to Laleh Khalili, a politics professor at Queen Mary University of London.

The "fracturing of ownership and operation across different legal jurisdictions and national boundaries" made it harder to assign responsibility for maritime accidents, she wrote in *The Washington Post* on Friday.

Suez traffic has been disrupted several times in the past, notably after Egypt nationalized the operating company in 1956.

The nationalization prompted an abortive invasion by Britain,

France and Israel. Then, during the Six Day War, Egypt imposed a blockade, preventing Israeli ships from using the canal until 1975.

As efforts mount to free the Ever Given, salvage teams are hoping to take advantage of a spring high tide on Sunday night.

Plamen Natzkoff, an expert at VesselsValue, said teams would likely step up their efforts in the coming days to make the most of that opportunity.

"If they don't manage to dislodge it during that high tide, the next high tide is not there for another couple of weeks, and that becomes problematic," he said.

"The stakes are too high for it to take months."

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS PT BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA (PERSERO) Tbk.

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The Board of Directors of PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) Tbk. (the "Company") hereby announces to the Shareholders that the Company has assembled the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") as follows:

A. Day/Date, Place, Time and Agenda

Day/Date : Thursday, 25 March 2021
Place : BRI Head Office Jalan Jenderal Sudirman Kav. 44-46, Jakarta Pusat, 10210
Time : 14.00 WIB s.d 15.15 WIB

- Agenda :
- Approval of Annual Report and Ratification of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements, Approval of the Board of Commissioners' Supervisory Report, Ratification of the Annual Report of the Partnership Program and Community Development Program for the Financial Year of 2020, and grant of release and discharge of liability (*volledig acquit et de charge*) to the Board of Directors and the Board of Commissioners of the Company, respectively, for the management and supervisory actions carried out during the Financial Year of 2020.
 - Determination of appropriation of the Company's net profit for the Financial Year of 2020.
 - Determination of the Remuneration (salary/honorarium, facilities and benefits) for the Financial Year of 2021, as well as Tantiem for the Financial Year of 2020, for the Board of Directors and the Board of Commissioners of the Company.
 - Appointment of Public Accountant and/or Public Accountant Firm to perform audit on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the Partnership Program and Community Development Program's Financial Statements for the Financial Year of 2021.

B. The Board of Commissioners and The Board of Directors Present in the Meeting

Board of Commissioners*

President Commissioner : Kartika Wirjoatmodjo
Vice President Commissioner / Independent Commissioner : Ani Kuncoro
Commissioner : Nicolaus Teguh Budi Harjanto
Commissioner : Rabin Indrajad Hattari
Independent Commissioner : Rofikoh Rokhim
Independent Commissioner : Hendrikus Ivo
Independent Commissioner : R. Widyo Pramono
Independent Commissioner : Zulnahr Usman
Independent Commissioner : Dwi Ria Latifa

Board of Directors*

President Director : Sunarso
Vice President Director : Catur Budi Harto
Director of Digital and Information Technology : Indra Utoyo
Director of Consumer : Handayani
Director of Compliance : Ahmad Solichin Lutfiyanto**
Director of Institution and SOE : Agus Noorsanto
Director of Risk Management : Agus Sudiarto
Director of Human Capital : Agus Winardono**
Director of Small and Medium Business : Amam Sukriyanto**
Director of Finance : Viviana Dyah Ayu Retno Kumalasari**
Director of Network and Services : Arga Mahanana Nugraha**

Notes:

*) 1 (one) of the 10 (ten) members of Board of Commissioners and 1 (one) of the 12 (twelve) members of Board of Directors was not present in the Meeting due to performing his/her official duty

**) May only commence his/her duties after obtaining OJK's approval on the Fit and Proper Test

C. Attendance of Shareholders

The attending shares and/or their proxies representing 107,208,421,308 shares which equal to 87.44% of the total shares with valid voting rights issued by the Company.

D. Meeting Resolutions Mechanism

The resolutions of the Meeting was adopted amicably by reaching mutual consensus. In the event that the Meeting failed to reach mutual consensus, the resolutions was resolved through voting.

E. Independent Party for Votes Count

The vote count used for resolutions of the Meeting was conducted by PT Datindo Entrycom as Security Administration Bureau. Furthermore, the validation was carried out by Fathiah Helmi, SH., Notary in Jakarta.

F. Questions and/or Opinions and Answer Session in the Meeting

The Shareholders were given opportunities to submit questions and/or opinions in every Agenda. The number of Shareholders which submitted questions and/or opinions in the Meeting and the result of the voting as follow:

Agenda	Affirmative Votes	Non-Affirmative Votes	Abstain	Questions/ Opinions
First	106.935.406.618 votes or 99,745% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	18.565.300 votes or 0,017% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	245.449.390 votes or 0,237% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	1 (one)
Second	106.744.335.831 votes or 99,567% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	201.163.343 votes or 0,187% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	262.922.134 votes or 0,245% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	(none)
Third	96.863.139.775 votes or 90,350% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	9.444.331.099 votes or 8,809% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	900.950.454 votes or 0,840% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	(none)
Fourth	102.594.251.444 votes or 95,696% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	4.567.849.274 votes or 4,260% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	46.320.590 votes or 0,043% of total shares with valid voting rights in the Meeting	(none)

G. Resolutions of the Meeting

FIRST AGENDA

- Approved the Company's Annual Report, including the Board of Commissioners' Supervisory Report for supervisory actions performed by the Board of Commissioners for the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020 and ratified the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020 which have been audited by Public Accounting Firm Purwantono, Sungkoro & Surja according to Auditor Report Number 00037/2.1032/AU.1/07/1681-1/1/2021 dated 29 Januari 2021.
- Ratified the Annual Report of the Partnership Program and Community Development Program for the Financial Year of 2020 and Financial Report of the Partnership Program and Community Development Program for the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020 which have been audited by Public Accounting Firm Purwantono, Sungkoro & Surja according to Auditor Report Number 00087/2.1032/AU.2/10/1681-1/1/2021 dated 19 February 2021.
- By approving the Annual Report, including the Board of Commissioners' Supervisory Report for supervisory actions performed by the Board of Commissioners, and the ratification of Financial Report for the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020, the Meeting granted release and discharge of liability (*volledig acquit et de charge*) to the Board of Directors and the Board of Commissioners of the Company for the management and supervisory actions carried out during the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020, and for the management and supervisory actions towards the Partnership Program and Community Development Program carried out during the Financial Year ended on 31 December 2020, provided that such actions are not considered a crime and is reflected in such Reports.

SECOND AGENDA

Approved the utilization of consolidated net profit which can be attributed to the owner(s) of holding entity for the Financial Year of 2020 of Rp18,654,752,774,721.48 as follows:

- 65% or the amount of Rp12,125,589,303,568.96 allocated as Cash Dividend to be distributed to Shareholders. The Distribution shall be executed as follows:
 - Dividends for the Government of Republic of Indonesia for its ownership of at least 56.75% of shares or at least in the amount of Rp6,881,395,089,544.00 will be distributed to the State's General Cash Account.
 - Dividends for the Financial Year of 2020 will be paid proportionally to each Shareholder whose name is recorded in the Register of Shareholders on the recording date.
 - The Board of Directors is given the power and authority with the right of substitution to:
 - Determine the schedule and procedure with respect to the implementation of Dividend payment distribution for the Financial Year of 2020 by taking into account any applicable regulations;
 - Withhold tax Dividend in accordance with applicable tax regulations;
 - Perform other technical matters without prejudice to the applicable provisions.
- 35% or the amount of Rp6,529,163,471,152.52 will be utilized as retained earnings balance.

THIRD AGENDA

- Granted power and authority to the Dwiwarna A Series Shareholder to determine for the Board of Commissioners:
 - Tantiem/Working Incentive for the Financial Year of 2020; and
 - Salary/Honorarium, Allowances and Facility for the Financial Year of 2021.

- Granted power and authority to the Company's Board of Commissioners with prior approval from Dwiwarna A Series Shareholder to determine for the Board of Directors:
 - Tantiem/Working Incentive for the Financial Year of 2020; and
 - Salary/Honorarium, Allowances and Facility for the Financial Year of 2021.

FOURTH AGENDA

- Approved the appointment of Purwantono, Sungkoro & Surja (a member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited) as Public Accountant Firm to audit the Company's Financial Report and the Financial Report on the Partnership and Community Development Program for the Financial Year of 2021.
- Granted power and authority to the Board of Commissioners to appoint a Public Accountant and/or Public Accountant Firm to audit the Consolidated Company's Financial Report for other period in the Financial Year of 2021 for the purposes and interests of the Company.
- Granted power and authority to the Board of Commissioners to determine the audit service's honorarium and other terms applicable to the Public Accountant and/or Public Accountant Firm and appoint a Substitute Public Accountant Firm in the event that Purwantono, Sungkoro & Surja (a member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited) as the appointed Public Accountant Firm, for any reason, fails to complete the audit of the Consolidated Company's Financial Report and the Financial Report of the Partnership and Community Development Program for the Financial Year of 2021, including to determine the honorarium of audit service and other terms applicable to the Substitute Public Accountant and/or Public Accountant Firm.

H. The Distribution Schedule and Procedure for Payment of Cash Dividend for the Financial Year of 2020

In accordance with the resolutions of the Meeting, the Company hereby announces that the Company will distribute cash dividend for the Financial Year of 2020 to the Company shareholders in the total amount of Rp12,125,589,303,568.96 (65% of consolidated net profit attributable to the owner of holding entity for the Financial Year of 2020) or equal to **Rp98.905659443** per share.

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

No	Description	Date
1	Last date of the Trading Period with Dividend Rights (<i>cum Dividend</i>): - Regular and Negotiated Market - Cash Market	05 April 2021 07 April 2021
2	First date of the Trading Period without Dividend Rights (<i>ex Dividend</i>): - Regular and Negotiation Market - Cash Market	06 April 2021 08 April 2021
3	Recording Date	07 April 2021
4	Payment Date	28 April 2021

DIVIDEND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- Cash dividend shall be paid to the Shareholders whose names are registered in the Company's Register of Shareholders and/or Company's Shareholders in the Sub-Securities Account of PT Kustodian Sentral Efek Indonesia ("KSEI") by the market closing time on 07 April 2021 (Recording Date).
- For Shareholders whose shares are deposited in KSEI's collective custody, the cash dividend shall be paid through KSEI and be distributed to the Customer Fund Account (RDN) on Securities Company and/or Custodian Bank on 28 April 2021. The payment receipt of the cash dividend shall be provided by KSEI to the Securities Companies or the Custodian Banks in which the Shareholders have opened their account. For Shareholders whose shares are not deposited in KSEI's Collective Custody, the cash dividend shall be transferred directly to Company's Shareholders accounts.
- Cash dividend is subject to tax pursuant to the prevailing tax laws. The tax liabilities will be borne by the relevant Shareholders and shall be deducted from the amount of cash dividend receivable by such Shareholders.
- For Shareholders whose shares are deposited in KSEI's collective custody, the cash dividend tax withholding slip may be obtained in Securities Company and/or Custodian Bank in which the Shareholders have opened their account. For Shareholders holding the shares in the form of script, the cash dividend tax withholding slip may be obtained in the Security Administration Bureau (BAE), that is PT.Datindo Entrycom at Jl. Hayam Wuruk No. 28 Jakarta 10120. The tax withholding slip may be obtained during BAE and KSEI's working hours.
- Shareholders who are Foreign Tax Payer whose tax deductions shall use the tariff pursuant to the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (P3B) shall satisfy the requirements as stipulated in the Regulation of Director General of Taxes No. PER-25/PJ/2018 concerning Procedures for the Application of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements and submit any record or receipt of DGT/SKD which has been uploaded to the website of Directorate General of Taxes to KSEI or Security Administration Bureau (BAE) pursuant to the provisions and regulation of KSEI regarding the deadline for submission of DGT/SKD. Without such document, the cash dividend shall be subjected to a 20% tax rate of the Article 26 Income Tax (PPh).

Jakarta, 29 March 2021
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) Tbk.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS