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THE PERILS OF OIL PRICE AND EXCHANGE RATE MOVEMENT ON KLCI

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ABSTRACT

Oil price, exchange rate and the stock market reaction are among the longest standing issues in

empirical economics especially for oil exporting countries. The main objective of this study is to

detect asymmetric effect in both the long-run as well as in the short-run. The finding, obtained by

means of a NARDL model from January 1990 to December 2016 by using monthly data of Malaysia,

indicates that in the bound test, the NARDL specification has suggested the existing of cointegration

among variables, including the oil price, Industrial Production Index (IPI as a proxy to national

income) and exchange rate. Bound test shows all variables cointegrated in the long run by F-stat

exceed the critical upper bound. The estimated NARDL model has affirmed the presence of

asymmetric in the long run for all variables. It is notified that the asymmetric long run relation

between stock market and oil price, considering the increase and decrease of the oil price, is

significantly related to the stock market. Exchange rate also indicates similar result, with both

directions significantly affect the stock market. Thus, policy attention should be directed to sharpen

market power and investment behaviours in Malaysia.

Keywords: Oil price, Industrial Production Index, exchange rate, NARDL, stock market

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