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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Re-certification Assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. - SOU 11: Kerdau, Temerloh, Pahang, Malaysia

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. has commissioned TÜV Rheinland Malaysia, for the assessment and certification of their management unit, Standard Operating Unit (SOU) 11: Kerdau against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria (P&C) Malaysian National Interpretation (MY-NI) 2014 and Supply Chain Certification Standard 2014. The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess the legal, environmental, economic, health & safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. is one of the core business units in Sime Darby Berhad. Their major business activities comprise Plantations, Commodity Trading, Refining and Food Business with operations in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia. The company declares to be managing over 80,000 hectares of oil palm estates in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Kalimantan, as well as operating 8 mills in these areas to extract CPO. Sime Darby Plantations has been a member of the RSPO since 6 September 2004 with membership no. 1-0008-04-000-00.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. announces for the information of the public that SOU 11: Kerdau is going to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The company is located at Temerloh, Pahang, Malaysia and consists of one mill with a capacity of 60mt/hour and 5 nucleus estates as the main supply base of the mill covering 13,790.33 ha.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of SOU 11: Kerdau is scheduled to commence from the week of 30 May – 3 June 2016. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) Palm Oil Mills and 5 (five) company-owned estates. The details of the palm oil mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of Mill	Location	GPS location		Forecast Annual Output		Mill Capacity (Ton/hour)
		Latitude	Longitude	CPO (Ton)	PK (Ton)	
Kerdau Palm Oil Mill	Kilang Kelapa Sawit Kerdau, Wakil Pos Kerdau, 28010 Temerloh, Pahang	3°34'07"	102°18'28"	50,747.80	12,594.59	60

Company Estates to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Total area (Ha)	Oil Palm Planted area (Ha)	Projected FFB production (MT)
		Latitude	Longitude			
Kerdau Estate	Kerdau Estate, Wakil Pos Kerdau 28010 Temerloh, Pahang	3°34'07"	102°18'28"	3,446.93	3,192.05	49,178.00
Jentar Estate	Jentar Estate, Wakil Pos Kerdau, 28010 Temerloh, Pahang	3°34'07"	102°18'28"	2,234.00	1,923.34	24,570.87
Mentakab Estate	Mentakab/ Lanchang/ Edensor Estate, c/o Lanchang Division, 28500 Lanchang, Pahang	3°28'67"	102°10'95"	3,273.09	2,934.92	60,108.66
Sg Mai Estate	Sungai Mai Estate, 27000 Jerantut, Pahang	3°48'50"	102°21'40"	2,835.04	2,605.67	72,438.27
Chenor Estate	Chenor (KT) Estate, Sungai Jerik, 26400 Bandar Pusat Jengka, Pahang	3°34'07"	102°18'28"	2,001.27	1,880	41,835.69
			Total	13,790.33	12,535.98	248,131.50

* The information above is as declared by the company as will be further verified during the audit.

Assessment Team

TÜV Rheinland Malaysia is member of the TÜV Rheinland Group, a global leader in independent testing and assessment services, and approved RSPO auditing office for PT TÜV Rheinland Indonesia which acts as the accredited RSPO certification body within TÜV Rheinland Group. Established in 1872, TÜV Rheinland Group has over 130 years of experience in providing various types of certifications as well as technical services for over 500 locations in 65 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the re-certification assessment of Sime Darby Plantation - SOU 11: Kerdu is as follows:

Lead auditor: Aswan Hasibuan (Good Agricultural Practices, High Conservation Values, Greenhouse Gas Management, Business Management Plan, Supply Chain)
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Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the re-certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on Sime Darby Plantation - SOU 11: Kerdu in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the RSPO P&C Malaysian National Interpretation (MY-NI) on any of the following issues:

- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunities for employment, earning fair wages, overtime and piece-rated work
- Company approach to community development
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Community development
- Land acquisition process
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Other matters pertaining to RSPO

Your comments or observations can be communicated to us through either a meeting with assessment team member during the fieldwork or submitting written comments by email, fax or regular mail to contact details below. Comments submitted within 30 days from the date of this notification shall be considered during the certification assessment. However, your input will be welcome at any stage of the assessment process. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and made available to only TÜV Rheinland and the RSPO Board.

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Sime Darby Plantation - SOU 11: Kerdau

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