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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Re-certification Assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. - SOU 16: Kok Foh, Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. has commissioned TÜV Rheinland Malaysia, for the assessment and certification of their management unit, Standard Operating Unit (SOU) 16: Kok Foh 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 16: Kok Foh is going to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The company is located at Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia and consists of one mill with a capacity of 40mt/hour and 8 nucleus estates as the main supply base of the mill covering 14,916 ha.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of SOU 16: Kok Foh is scheduled to commence from the week of 23 - 27 May 2016. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) Palm Oil Mills and 8 (eight) 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)	
Kok Foh Palm Oil Mill	Kok Foh Palm Oil Mill, 72109 Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia	02°47.08'N	102°30.25'E	41,601.75	10,158.57	40

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			
Kok Foh Estate	Kok Foh Estate, 72109 Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia	02°47.08'N	102°30.25'E	2,307.85	2,166.00	55,592.07
Sg. Senarut estate	Sg. Senarut estate, 85100 Batu Anam, Johor, Malaysia	2°34.16' N	102°45.20' E	1,988.77	557.69	14,480.22
Muar River estate	Muar River estate, Locked Bag No.503, 85009 Segamat, Johor, Malaysia	2°34.26' N	102°45.08' E	1,596.94	1,471.21	31,552.31
Pertang estate	Pertang estate, 72300 Simpang Pertang, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia	2°57.25' N	102°18.12' E	1,070.52	749.14	16,692.11

Sg. Gemas estate	Sg. Gemas estate, 73400 Gemas, Johor, Malaysia	2°34.73' N	102°38.86' E	970.61	879.31	23,871.45
Bukit Pilah estate	Bkt Pilah estate, 73500 Rompin, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia.	2°33.73' N	102°55.91' E	3,667.31	795.03	14,563.22
St. Helier estate	St. Helier estate, 72100 Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia	2°33.72' N	102°33.73' E	1,992.65	955.95	17,232.97
Sg. Sabaling estate	Sg. Sabaling estate, 72100 Bahau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia.	2°50.56' N	102°29.03' E	1,321.35	124.66	3,814.96
Total				14,916.00	7,698.99	177,799.31

* 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 16: Kok Foh is as follows:

Lead auditor: Carol Ng Siew Theng (Good Agricultural Practices, High Conservation Values, Greenhouse Gas Management, OSH, Environment Social, 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 16: Kok Foh 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 TUV Rheinland and the RSPO Board.

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