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Dear Stakeholders,

**Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Re-certification Assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. - SOU 23: Ulu Remis, Layang – Layang, Johor, Malaysia**

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. has commissioned TÜV Rheinland Malaysia, for the assessment and certification of their management unit, Standard Operating Unit (SOU) 23: Ulu Remis 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 23: Ulu Remis is going to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The company is located at Layang-Layang, Johor, Malaysia and consists of one mill with a capacity of 60mt/hour, 6 nucleus estates as the main supply base of the mill covering 17,096.21ha.

**Scope of assessment:**

The RSPO certification assessment of SOU 23: Ulu Remis is scheduled to commence from the week of 18 April – 22 April 2016. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) Palm Oil Mills and 6 (six) company-owned estates. The details of the palm oil mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

<b>Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment*</b>						
Name of Mill	Location	GPS location		Forecast Annual Output		Mill Capacity (Ton/hour)
		Latitude	Longitude	CPO (Ton)	PK (Ton)	
Ulu Remis Palm Oil Mill	P.O. Box 107, 81850 Layang-Layang, Johor, Malaysia	1° 50' 2" N	103° 27' 48" E	55,684	13,169	60

<b>Company Estates to be included in the main assessment*</b>					
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Hectarage (Ha)	Projected FFB production (MT)
		Latitude	Longitude		
Tun Dr. Ismail Estate	Renggam	1° 48' 58" N	103° 23' 38" E	4,270.23	37,704.27
Ulu Remis Estate	Layang-Layang	1° 49' 40" N	103° 27' 43" E	2,598.05	37,293.41
Pekan Ropel Estate	Kulai	1° 51' 12" N	103° 34' 56" E	3,229.91	62,266.96
Sembrong Estate	Layang-Layang	1° 84' 28" N	103° 5' 38" E	1,778.88	24,497.09
Bukti Badak Estate	Layang-Layang	1° 86' 7" N	103° 50' 57" E	3,245.14	55,821.54
Cenas Estate	Kulai	1° 86' 7" N	103° 61' 67" E	1,974.00	33,586.85
<b>Total</b>				<b>17,096.21</b>	<b>251,170.12</b>

\* 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 23: Ulu Remis is as follows:

Lead auditor: Carol Ng Siew Theng (GAP, HCVs, GHG Management, 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 23: Ulu Remis 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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Best regards,



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