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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Initial Assessment of Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh and its independent outgrowers, in Pulau Pauh Village, Merlung Renah Mendaluh Sub-District, Tanjung Jabung District, Jambi Province, Indonesia.

Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh has applied to PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia for assessment of one of their holdings against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria (P&C RSPO) for Group Certification, INA- National Interpretation RSPO P & C for Independent Smallholders, RSPO Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Group Certification. The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess legal, environmental, economical, safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh is an organization of independent outgrowers, held in Jambi Province, and registered in deed of notary public named Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung Renah Mendaluh No. 2 dated 18 Mei 2015. This organization held to create the welfare for its outgrowers and to promote sustainable palm oil in Jambi Province. Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh has more than 174 independent outgrowers in 503.67 ha plantation area. Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh has also registered as RSPO member on 20 October 2015 with Member ID Number 1-0193-15-000-00.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh in Jambi is scheduled to commence from October 17 to 21, 2016. The assessment shall be carried out for Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh and palm oil plantation of its independent outgrowers. The details of the organization to be assessed are as follows:

Palm Oil Plantation to be included in the main assessment*:			
Name of Independent Smallholders Group	Location	Area Summary (Ha)	Average Annual FFB Production (Tonnes)
Gapoktan Merlung mandiri	Desa Merlung, Jambi	79.1	652.92
Poktan Sungai Temegan	Desa Lubuk Terap, Jambi	70.1	581.36
Gapoktan Usaha Berkat	Desa Pulau Pauh, Jambi	94.35	1,045.78
Gapoktan Maju Jaya	Desa Rantau Benar, Jambi	90.52	1,215.42
Gapoktan Usaha Bersatu	Desa Sungai Rotan, Jambi	169.6	2,644.37
TOTAL		503.67	6,139.85

* Data from Januari until December 2015. Data presented is provided by the organization and will be verified during the certification audit.

Assessment Team:

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The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh is as follows:

Lead auditor: M. Fundy Cholis Kurniawan (Green House Gasses, High Conservation Value, Agrochemical and Supply Chain)

Auditors: Doni (Economic, Workers, Social, Local Communities, and External Stakeholders) and Dewi Akbari (Environment, Occupational Health & Safety, Good Agriculture Practice, QMS, Code of Ethic)

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on Forum Petani Swadaya Merlung – Renah Mendaluh in relation to the relevant RSPO P&C for Group Certification, INA- National Interpretation RSPO P & C for Independent Smallholders, RSPO Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Group Certification 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 PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia, and the RSPO Board.

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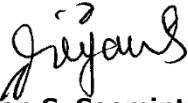
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– Renah Mendaluh**

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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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