

13th September 2017

Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Initial Assessment of KUD Mekar Sari and its independent outgrowers, in Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub-District, Musi Rawas District, South Sumatera Province, Indonesia.

KUD Mekar Sari has applied to PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia for assessment of one of their holdings against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) for Group Certification of FFB Production, RSPO Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Group Certification of FFB Production. 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.

KUD Mekar Sari is an organization of independent outgrowers, held in South Sumatera Province, and registered in deed of notary public named KUD Mekar Sari No. 002695.a/BH/PAD/VI.7 dated 14th of April 1986. This organization held to create the welfare for its outgrowers and to promote sustainable palm oil in South Sumatera Province. KUD Mekar Sari has more than 303 independent outgrowers in 498.84 ha plantation area. KUD Mekar Sari has also registered as RSPO member on 31st of July 2017 with Member ID Number 1-0237-17-000-00.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of KUD Mekar Sari in Lahat is scheduled to commence from 30th October to 10th of November 2017. The assessment shall be carried out for KUD Mekar Sari 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)
Setia Kawan B	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	15	199.88
Sido Mulyo I	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	11.07	243.89
Panca Usaha Tani Baru	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	20	350.85
Panca Usaha Tani 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	13.97	182.86
Sumber Rezeki 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	9.45	215.9

Cinta Damai 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	52.86	1,067.52
Cinta Damai 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	41.57	813.17
Kelapa Mas 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	44.03	814.72
Kelapa Mas 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	11.89	273.79
Kelapa Mas 3	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	9.88	206.71
Kelapa Mas 4	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	9.91	205.13
Kelapa Mas 5	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	12.88	270.8
Lumintu 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	25	461.56
Lumintu 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	10	233.46
Panca Tani 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	15.17	347.23
Panca Tani 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	9.51	213.92
Sumber Usaha 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	10.22	249.78

Sumber Usaha 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	10.73	265.99
Sawit Mas 3	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	9.7	229.59
Sumber Harapan 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	26.58	543.47
Karya Makmur 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	33.43	700.43
Suka Mulya 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	17.6	318.64
Suka Mulya 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	12.4	247.36
Ngudi Mulyo 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	16.98	304.99
Ngudi Mulyo 2	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	23.73	489.87
Melati 1	Mekar Sari Village, Megang Sakti Sub District, Musi Rawas District, Sumatera Utara Province	25.28	468.28
TOTAL		498.84	9,919.79

* Data from January until December 2016. 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 KUD Mekar Sari is as follows:

Lead auditor: Naik Monang Parlindungan Lingga (High Conservation Value, Occupational Health and Safety, Green House Gasses, Transparency, SCCS)

Auditors: Wahyu (Good Agriculture Practices, QMS, Agrochemical, Environmental), Doni (Workers, Social, Local Communities, and External Stakeholders) and Ade Sudiana (training, Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety)

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on KUD Mekar Sari 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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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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