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RSPO NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NEW PLANTING

This notification shall be on the RSPO website for 30 days as required by the RSPO procedures for new plantings (<http://www.rspo.org/?q=page/535>). It has also been posted on local on-site notice boards.

Date of notification: 16.05.2011

Tick whichever is appropriate

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a completely new development and stakeholders may submit comments.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is part of an ongoing planting and is meant for notification only.

COMPANY: SIME DARBY PLANTATION Sdn Bhd

SUBSIDIARY: SIME DARBY (LIBERIA) PLANTATION Inc

RSPO Membership No: 035-04(O)

**Location of Proposed New Planting: Bomi and Grand Cape Mount Counties,
Republic of Liberia**

SUMMARY FROM SEI ASSESSMENT

Sime Darby has prepared an SEIA for the proposed development to comply with the Environment Protection Agency, Liberia and with the RSPO P&C requirements for New Plantings. The SEIA process included public consultation meetings with local stakeholders and the details and outcomes of the meetings are reported in an Appendix of the SEIA. The SEIA considered all major impacts of the proposed new development, including land use change, roads and other infrastructure. The SEIA made recommendations for mitigation of potential negative impacts and enhancement of beneficial outcomes.

SUMMARY FROM HCV ASSESSMENT

Sime Darby has completed an Assessment to identify the presence of environmental and social HCVs within the concession and at adjacent areas that could be negatively affected by the development. The Assessment included an HCV Management and Monitoring Plan for maintaining and enhancing the identified environmental and social HCVs (HCV4.2, HCV5 & HCV6), and a Training Programme for HCV awareness of staff and workers.

Dr Yap Son Kheong, an RSPO approved Assessor, led a team of appropriately qualified and experienced Environmental Scientists and Ecologists who carried out the Assessment of the presence of HCVs within the new development and adjacent areas and preparation of the HCV Management and Monitoring Plan. The Assessment Team used the HCV Toolkit (ProForest, 2005) for guidance in the assessment process, fieldwork and documentation.

SUMMARY OF PLANS

Sime Darby's Development Plan is based on the best practices that have been applied at its oil palm operations in Malaysia and Indonesia and takes into consideration the recommendations of the SEIA and the HCV Studies and is consistent with the applicable RSPO P&C for New Plantings and addresses the concerns and aspirations raised by affected stakeholders.

The SEIA and HCV studies were completed in February 2010 May 2011, respectively, and no land development has taken place since that time.

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

The SEIA and HCV Assessments are comprehensive, professional and comply with the applicable RSPO Principles, Criteria and Indicators for new plantings.

Signed for on behalf of
BSi Group Singapore Pte Ltd



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Charlie Ross
Lead Auditor
16 May 2011