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*Dear Stakeholders,*

**Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Initial Assessment of KUD Tuhu Asih and its independent outgrowers, in Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District, South Sumatera Province, Indonesia.**

KUD Tuhu Asih 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 Tuhu Asih is an organization of independent outgrowers, held in South Sumatera Province, and registered in deed of notary public named KUD Tuhu Asih No. 002933/BH/PAD/VI dated 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2000. This organization held to create the welfare for its outgrowers and to promote sustainable palm oil in South Sumatera Province. KUD Tuhu Asih has more than 407 independent outgrowers in 794 ha plantation area. KUD Tuhu Asih has also registered as RSPO member on 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 with Member ID Number 1-0230-17-000-00.

**Scope of assessment:**

The RSPO certification assessment of KUD Tuhu Asih in Musi Rawas Utara is scheduled to commence from May 29<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017. The assessment shall be carried out for KUD Tuhu Asih and palm oil plantation of its independent outgrowers. The details of the organization to be assessed are as follows:

<b>Palm Oil Plantation to be included in the main assessment*:</b>			
<b>Name of Independent Smallholders Group</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area Summary (Ha)</b>	<b>Average Annual FFB Production (Tonnes)</b>
Sido Makmur	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	54	1,171.870
Sido Dadi	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	54	1,325.750
Tekun	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	28	1,187.840
Rukun	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	54	1,093.800
Rukun Makmur	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	54	1,216.750

Podomoro	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	34	1,514.390
Iklas	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	34	1,044.670
Slamet	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	28	844.760
Tarka	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	64	1,785.860
Taruta	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	60	1,854.850
Tunas Muda	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	24	973.510
Damai	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	80	755.820
Mawar Merah	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	54	1,140.070
Handayani	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	58	1,145.830
Sukomoro	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	76	1,220.250
Suban Jaya	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	18	767.590
Bomasko Jaya	Setia Marga Village, Karang Dapo Sub-District, Musi Rawas Utara District	20	664.890
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>794</b>	<b>19,708.500</b>

\* 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 Tuhu Asih is as follows:

**Lead auditor:** Muhammad Fundy Cholis Kurniawan (High Conservation Value, Occupational Health and Safety, Green House Gasses, Transparency, SCCS)

**Auditors:** Wahyu (Good Agriculture Practices, QMS, Agrochemical, Environmenta), Doni (Workers, Social, Local Communities, and External Stakeholders) and Ibnu Satria Prabudi (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 Tuhu Asih 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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