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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Initial Assessment of UD Lestari and its independent outgrowers, in Simpang Kebun Kopi 1 Village, Sei Cuka Sub-District, Batu Bara District, North Sumatera Province, Indonesia.

UD Lestari has applied to PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia for assessment of one of their holdings against the Roundtable Sustainability Palm Oil Group Certification of FFB Production (March, 2016). 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.

UD Lestari is an organization of independent outgrowers, held in North Sumatera Province, and registered in deed of notary public named UD Lestari No. 17 dated 28th October 2013. This organization held to create the welfare for its outgrowers and to promote sustainable palm oil in North Sumatera Province. UD Lestari has more than 63 independent outgrowers in 207.21 ha plantation area. UD Lestari has also registered as RSPO member on 23 November 2016 with Member ID Number 1-0220-16-000-00.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of UD Lestari in Batu Bara is scheduled to commence from **March 6th to March 9th, 2017**. The assessment shall be carried out for UD Lestari 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)
Lias Baru	Lias Baru Village, Bandar Masilam Sub District, Simalungun District.	25.18	332
Partimbangan	Partimbangan Village, Bandar Masilam Sub District, Simalungun District	26.89	387
Kandangan	Kandangan Village, Sei Suka Sub District, Batu Bara District	27.84	400
Bandar Tinggi	Bandar & Bandar Rejo Village, Sei Suka Sub District, Simalungun District.	127.29	1834
TOTAL		207.20	2,953

* Data from Januari to December 2016. Data presented is provided by the organization and will be verified during the certification audit.

Assessment Team:

PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia is member of Group TÜV Rheinland Group, a global leader in independent testing and assessment services. Established in 1872, TÜV Rheinland Group has over 145 years of experience in providing various types of certifications as well as technical services for over 360 locations in 62 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of UD Lestari is as follows:

Lead auditor: Dian Susanty Soeminta (Green House Gasses, Good Agriculture Practice, Agrochemical and High Conservation Value)

Auditors: Ade Sudiana (Environment, Code of Ethic, Occupational Health & Safety and QMS), Irpan Kadir (Workers, Economic, Social, Local Communities, and External Stakeholders).

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on UD Lestari in relation to the relevant Roundtable Sustainability Palm Oil Group Certification of FFB Production (March, 2016) 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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