

From | Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd,
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Jalan Kota/KS1,
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Malaysia

Subject | **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECERTIFICATION AUDIT OF PALMERAS DE LA COSTA S.A.**

Date | **07/12/2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Palmeras de la Costa S.A., Colombia plantation company, has applied to Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd to carryout recertification audit activities in accordance with the National Interpretation for Colombia of the RSPO 2018 Standard of Principles and Criteria (P&C) for Production of Sustainable Palm Oil.

The Recertification Audit is planned to commence on **25-01-2022** and will be completed on **28-01-2022**.

Applicant	Palmeras de la Costa S.A.
Contact details	Orlando Gonzalez Cortes Sustainability Coordinator Barranquilla, Atlántico, Calle 75 No 59-69 Colombia 57 313-5230513 sostenibilidad@palmeras.com.co
RSPO membership number	2-0445-14-000-00
RSPO PalmTrace ID	RSPO_PO1000003031
Supply Chain Model	IP
Any NPP Submission?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NPP Status	If Yes, To check with RSPO
Are there any RaCP?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (This is required to check if there are any liabilities)
RaCP Status	

Brief information about Applicant	Palmeras de la Costa S.A. was founded in 1971 with the aim to process vegetable oils; production and marketing of crude palm oil, palm kernel oil and palm kernel cake. In 1995, it became a mixed capital company, 80% of its shares belonging to fruit suppliers and 20% to its unionized workers. Close to El Copey (Cesar), the Palmeras Del Caribe's Extraction Mill is located with a processing capacity of 40 t/hr. of FFB and approximately 10,000 hectares of land, distributed amongst company supported out growers and company owned land. In April 2011 our composting plant starts operating, using the full amount of the biomass and effluents, with a processing time of 2 months, Palmeras del Caribe S.A. produces approximately 2000 t/month of high-quality compost. Our human resource is exclusively hired from the local communities surrounding our operations, namely El Copey and Algarrobo, to account for 383 workers hired directly and 348 through coops.
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Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment (Delete if not applicable)						
Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity	Location	GPS reference		Forecasted Annual output (MT)	
(POM)	MT/Hr	Address	Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
Extractora Palmeras de la Costa S.A.	45	Km. 12 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 00'42.12"W	10° 6'5.96"N	23.105	5.072

ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT (Delete if not applicable)						
Name of estate / association	Location	GPS reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature	
Palmeras de la Costa S.A.	Km. 12 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 00'42.12"W	10° 6'5.96"N	3.900,0	3.489,0	67.312,4
Aportes San Isidro S.A.S	Km. 11 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 00'33.69"W	10° 5'21.32"N	789,0	622,0	11.832,0
Negocios Azuero SAS	Km. 17 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 3'20.52"W	10° 5'19.94"N	708,0	591,4	11.614,3
Inversiones RCIH SAS	Km. 15 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 1'28.53"W	10° 2'57.41"N	701,0	388,2	7.435,5
Inversiones Macias SAS	Km. 16 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 2'23.64"W	10° 5'17.27"N	469,0	341,2	9.419,2
Inversiones LURO SAS	Km. 20 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 4'5.22"W	10° 8'40.38"N	350,0	288,6	4.445,8
Miguel Halblaub Gutierrez	Km. 14 Via Eco petrol - El Copey Cesar	74° 0'32.21"W	10° 1'38.11"N	190,0	44,6	647,9
Total				7.107	5.765	112.707,1

Refer Annex 1 for Location of the Management Unit

DETAILS OF THE AUDIT TEAM		
AUDIT ROLES	NAME	BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATION
LEAD AUDITOR	Jose Orlando Prada	Lawyer. Specialist in quality management systems, occupational risks, safety and health at work. Social expert familiar with the Colombian norm. RSPO Lead Auditor.
SOCIAL AUDITOR	Jose Coronado Roballo	Agronomist since 1997. Specialist in environmental sciences 2007, banana production analyst 2013, consultancies in the development of environmental management plans for RSPO certification in African palm plantations, global gap certification 2011, RSPO 2018 certification
LOCAL EXPERT	Ruth Tenjo	Market Engineer. Internal auditor in RSPO, ISCC and ISO 9001: 2015 management systems. RSPO P&C and SCC Lead Auditor. Occupational risk specialist.
ENVIRONMENT AUDITOR	Sebastian Hernandez	Environmental Engineer. HSEQ Internal Auditor in ISO 9001: 2015, 14001: 2015 and 45001: 2018. RSPO P&C 2018 Certified Lead Auditor in Colombian standard.

Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is a member of the Control Union - an international inspection and certification body. CUC performs assessments and certification in many agricultural based fields such as FSC, RSPO, and Organic production, Sustainable Textile Production, Organic Exchange, GLOBALGAP, HACCP, BRC, GMP. Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is accredited for RSPO (RSPO-ACC-021) for the scope of P&C (Single Site & Group) and SCCS worldwide. When requested, a copy of the accreditation certificate can be obtained from CUC.

Stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in certification process; during which relevant national, regional as well as local stakeholders are asked to give their views and opinions as to whether the applicant's certification units comply with the requirements of the applicable National Interpretation.

We invite all stakeholders to take part in this consultation procedure as you can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. We ask you to raise any issues, both positive and negative, by sending a written response by mail, fax or by E-mail to our Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd office as indicated below.

For your guidance, you may consider the following points:

- Environmental protection.
- Biodiversity conservation.
- Opportunities for employment.
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support.
- Company approach to community development.
- Participation in decision making.
- Any other issue, both positive and negative that you consider may be of relevance to the assessment.
- Issues relating to other plantations owned by the company not included in this assessment.
- A copy of the applicable RSPO standard for the country, in which the assessment is being conducted, is available from www.rspo.org. Alternatively please ask Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd for a copy.

Your responses will be dealt with in complete confidentiality and will only be distributed to the appropriate persons within the organizations of CUC, ASI and RSPO.

When required your reply will remain confidential. Please add "Confidential" in your response and when preferred your response can be added as anonymous in the public summary of the report. In that case please also add "Anonymous" in your response.

If requested by you, the audit team will make the necessary arrangements to allow you to meet with them during the evaluation.

Please direct your comments to:

Control Union Malaysia Office	Control Union Colombian Office
Gerben Stegeman, Certifier, c/o B-3-1, Prima Klang Avenue, Jalan Kota KS/1, 41100 Klang, Selangor, Malaysia E-Mail: gstegeman@controlunion.com	Ignacio Falcone Certifications Manager, Calle 82 # 12-88 Torre Andina Piso 3 Oficina 306 Bogotá Colombia E-Mail: ifalcone@controlunion.com

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in this Assessment. Please include the following information should we need to contact you for clarification on any issues raised:

Name : _____
Address : _____
E-Mail : _____
Phone Number : _____
Summary of Issue : _____

We thank you for the participation and feedback.

Yours Sincerely,



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General Manager
Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd

ANNEX 1

