

From Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.  
 B-3-1, Prima Klang Avenue, Jalan Kota KS/1,  
 41100 Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

Subject Public announcement of initial assessment of SIPEF-CI (OTTAWA)

Date 28-3-2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON RSPO CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT OF Société International de Plantation et de Finance en Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI)**

Société International de Plantation et de Finance en Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI), an Ivory coast plantation company, has applied to Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd to carryout certification activities in accordance with the RSPO Principle & Criteria Certification Program (RSPO P&C 2013), RSPO SCCS (21st November 2014) of its palm oil production.

The **Initial Audit** against the RSPO P&C 2013 is planned to commence on 08 May 2017 and will be completed on 15 May 2017

<b>Applicant</b>	Société International de Plantation et de Finance en Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI); L'Ensemble Agro-Industriel BOLO
<b>Contact details</b>	Mr. BOUALI Moussa Deputy General Manager Headquarters: Boulevard de la République SAN-PEDRO - 01 B.P. 2141 SAN-PEDRO 01  e-mail : sipef-ci@avisocipef.ci
<b>RSPO membership number</b>	<b>1-0178-15-000-00</b>

<b>Brief information about Applicant</b>	International company of Plantations and Finance in Ivory Coast (-CI) is an Ivorian private company with a capital of 3 072 400 000. The head office is located in San-Pedro (South west of Côte d'Ivoire), Boulevard of the Republic, on the road to the port. SIPEF-CI is an oil palm grower (three plantations: Bolo, Ottawa and Okrouyo) and owns 2 CPO mills (45 T/hrs and 55T/hrs). Major shareholder of the company is Mr. Marwan Al Anis from Jordan. The two mills and three plantations were under State ownership but were privatised in 1997 under the pressure of the Breton Woods institutions. The Okrouyo plantation has been completely replanted but Baia and Ottawa will be soon partly replanted since the plantations are more than 26 years old. SIPEF-CI works also with palm grower cooperatives.
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Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment						
Name of Palm Oil Mill (POM)	Mill Capacity (MT/Hr)	Location Address	GPS reference		Forecasted Annual output (MT)	
			Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
L'Ensemble Agro-Industriel BOLO	45	Gboklé Region, Sassandra Department	W 6°02'161"	N 5°18'213"	33,000	5,429

ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT						
Name of estate / association	Location	GPS reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature	
PI Bolo	Bolo-Sassanra	6°02'161"W	5°18'213"N	5,269.82	5,269.82	61,087
COOPABO	Bolo	6°02'161"W	5°18'213"N	7,888.45	7,888.45	34,100
COOPALSA	Bolo	6°02'161"W	5°18'213"N	11,475.46	11,475.46	25,800
COOP OOASA	Bolo	6°02'161"W	5°18'213"N	388.03	388.03	13,400
<b>Total</b>				25021.76	25021.76	134,387.00

Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is a member of the Control Union World Group - 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 and GTP. CUC is accredited by the Dutch Council of Accreditation (RVA) on the European quality standard EN 45011 for the inspection and certification of CU Organic program (according to the EU regulation 2092/91) and GLOBALGAP program. 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](http://www.rspo.org). Alternatively please ask Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd for a copy.

Please direct your comments to:

Control Union Malaysia Office	Colombia Representative Contact
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Details on the audit team:

### **LEAD ASSESSOR**

#### **Muhammad Syafiq Abd Razak (Lead Auditor)**

More than 5 years of working experience in plantation with various plantation company. Fully trained in similar agriculture certification programs such as RSPO and SCCS. Involved in RSPO assessment since 2014. Member of CUC RSPO audit team. Involved in audits conducted in Malaysia and Indonesia. Fluent in English and Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia.

### **SUPPORTING ASSESSORS**

#### **Mohd Fadzli Bistamam (Auditor)**

Bachelor Degree in Plantation Engineering. Working experience more than 5 years in various plantation companies. Qualified auditor in ISO 9001, RSPO P&C and others sustainable standard such as ISCC. Fluent in English and Bahasa.

#### **Mohd Razaleigh (Auditor)**

Bachelor Degree in Plantation Engineering. More than 5 years of working experience in plantation. Experience in auditing with RSPO and MSPO. Fluent in English and Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia.

#### **ARSENE HOMPEUGOME KPAN (Auditor)**

Experience in Environmental audit, sustainable Agriculture, certification of agricultural production systems. Training on Standards of Sustainable Agriculture and the establishment of the Internal Management System for cooperative and non-producers organized in cooperatives (dealing, shopping center). Spatial analysis and modeling GIS (ARCGIS, MapInfo). Policy management of a human environment, natural and industrial. Strategic Planning Environment and Sustainable Development. Environmental and Social Impact assessment (ESIA). Fluent in local languages.

#### **BAÏMEY AUBIN CHARLES (Local Expert)**

Gnamien is a social-anthropologies. Competence in Sustainable Forest Management, Forestry and Agroindustrial Processes (FLEGT, FSC, OLB, RSPO, etc.), Development, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Development Projects, Socio-economic studies / Advocacy, Land and Forestry Policies, Sustainable Development and International Solidarity. Worker many year in several NGO for social impact assessment. Fluent in local languages.

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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Supun Nigamuni,  
**Program Manager,**  
Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd