

From Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.  
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 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 OTTAWA-OKROUYO
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<b>RSPO membership number</b>	<b>1-0178-15-000-00</b>
<b>Brief information about Applicant</b>	International company of Plantations and Financein 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. SIPEFCIis an oil palm grower (three plantations: Bolo, Ottawa and Okrouyo) and owns 2 CPOmills (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 BretonWoods institutions. The Okrouyo plantation has been completely replanted but Baia and Ottawa will be saon partly replanted since the plantations are more than 26 years old. SIPEFCI works also with palm grower cooperatives.

Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment						
Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity	Location	GPS reference		Forecasted Annual output (MT)	
(POM)	MT/Hr	Address	Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
L'Ensemble Agro-Industriel OTTAWA-OKROUYO	55	Ottawa under Soubre locality	006°16.490' W	05°39.969' N	27000	5139

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 Ottawa	Ottawa-Soubré	006°16.490' W	05°39.969' N	5,535.63	5,535.63	59,084	
PI Okrouyo	Okrouyo	006°23'487" W	05°49'348" W	2,858.10	2,858.10	38,238	
COOPAGRIS	Soubré	X: 0766252	Y: 0639745	7,676.69	7,676.69	18,100	
COOPALM	Soubré	006°16'488" W	05°39'972"	7,618.77	7,618.77	13,100	
<b>Total</b>				23,689.19	23,689.19	128,522	

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:

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Details on the audit team:

### **LEAD ASSESSOR**

#### **Charles Kouadio (Lead Auditor)**

Agricultural Engineer with 4 years experience compliance auditing with Control Union. Experience in Environmental audit, sustainable Agriculture, certification of agricultural production systems. Completed RSPO Lead Auditor training in July 2014. Fluent in local languages.

### **SUPPORTING ASSESSORS**

#### **Mohd Jamalul Arif (Senior Auditor)**

Post graduated in Plantation Management and Cargo Surveying from local university. Experience in auditing since 2011 in RSPO P&C, SCCS, GMP B2 & B3, ISCC, ESCAS Animal Welfare and Global Gap standards. Working experience in handling Q&Q survey for agricultural products such palm oil. Involved in audits for P&C and SCCS conducted in Malaysia, Indonesia and middle east country. Completed ISO 9001:2008 Lead Auditor Course in 2011, ISO 19011 & 17021 in 2014 as well as RSPO Lead Auditor training in 2013 and 2016.

#### **ADU Frank (Auditor)**

Frank is an environmental and sustainability expert with a Master's Degree in Environmental Management and Policy. Prior to joining the certification and sustainable development industry, he worked for 10 years in production processes as an assistant production manager at Samartex Timber and Plywood Co. Ltd. and production manager at John Bitar Co. FMCW / CoC certification and FLEGT

/ VPA activities for John Bitar Co. Ltd. He currently works as a project manager for the Resoursetrust network in Accra, Ghana, where he is responsible for HCV training and develops the capacities of key players, including the private sector, civil society, government and Regulation of best practices in forest and agricultural production systems. Frank has completed several training courses for Senior Certification Auditors, including the FSC FMCW / CoC certification and RSPO, the HCV Approved Evaluation Course and FLEGT / VPA and the EU Timber Regulations.

#### **KOBENAN Djinan (Auditor)**

Auditor FLO-CERT certification body Based in Bonn, Germany with over 200 days on site. Experience in social audit since 2012. Fluent in local languages.

#### **AFFO GOGORY JEAN-MICHEL (Auditor)**

Agricultural engineer with less than 2 years experience in auditing with Control Union. Experience in environmental auditing, sustainable agriculture, certification of agricultural production systems. Has worked 2 years with INADES COTE D'IVOIRE as a program assistant in the creation of agricultural property for nutrition and gender equity and training of farmers in sales through the market information system. Proficiency in local languages.

**KOUAME KOUASSI LAZARE (Local Expert)**

Mr. Lazare specializes in quality, hygiene, safety and the environment with a Master's Degree in Quality, Hygiene, Safety and Environmental Engineering. Worked for 3 years as Head of the Department of Technical Support for cooperative associations on the program of palm oil in West Africa for Solidarity at FENACOPH-CI, in charge of the development of strategic development plans Cooperative associations, member of the technical committee of the National Environment (RSPO). Before that, worked 5 years with PALMAFRIQUE as Responsible of Agro-industrial and Responsible for the plantations. He has been working for 2 years with the GFA Consulting Group on the PROFIAB / GIZ project (German cooperation) on sustainable development training materials, biodiversity awareness materials and transmission capacities for consulting and technical management agricultural. Proficiency in local languages.

**YAO GNAMIEN FRANCOIS (Local Expert)**

François is a hygienist in environmental safety and quality manager, biochemist nutritionist, graduate diploma specialized in natural resources and environment. 08 years of experience. Competence in natural resources management, Waste management, Pollution prevention and control, Environmental training, industrial safety, chemical and food hygiene, Regulatory controls and other controls (Environmental verification, Environmental diagnosis and environmental analysis, Environmental Audit in Environmental Impact Assessment), Study of Technical Requirements for Environmental Activities in Classified Environmental Protection Facilities for the Study of Environmental Operating Permit, Impact Assessment Environmental and social (EIAS); Study and technical assistance, Scientific laboratory research.

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