



## Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Audit Assessment of Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited (BOPP)- Takoradi, Republic of Ghana, West Africa RSPO Membership: 2-0017-05-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Benso Oil palm Plantation Limited (BOPP) of Republic of Ghana has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply basin located near Adum Banso Estate, Takoradi, Ghana, West Africa. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Palm Plantation Oil Mill, Benso Oil Palm Plantation Estate (Nucleus) and Benso Oil Palm Plantation Smallholder.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of the Benso Oil Palm Plantation Oil Mill from **June 3 through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the RSPO Principles & Criteria for the Production of Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO P&C 2013), using as reference the National Interpretation of the International RSPO Principles and Criteria of the Republic of Ghana (GHNI 2015), RSPO Market Communications & Claims(2019) and the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard – CPO Mills (June 2017).

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

Benso Oil Palm Plantation			
Mill Name	Benso Oil Palm Plantation Oil Mill		
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	30 mt/hr		
Address	Adum Banso Estate, PO Box 470 Takoradi, Ghana		
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	05°06'643'' N, 01°54'821'' W		
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2019)	15,400 MT		
PK Tonnage (Projection 2019)	3,742 MT		
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2019)	74,684 MT		

		Planted Area		Total Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
Farms / Estate GPS Coordinates		Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Benso Oil Palm Plantation Estate (Nucleus)	05°06'643'' N, 01°54'821'' W	4733	5	5149	57,329
Benso Oil Palm Plantation Smallholder	05°06'643'' N, 01°54'821'' W	1650	0	1650	17,355
TOTAL		6,383	5	6799	74,684

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Benso Oil Palm Plantation Ltd. (BOPP)

Name	Role	Audit Aspects
Frank Kwesi	Lead Auditor	Legal Issues, Social, Int./Ext. Stakeholder Consultation
Dr. Richard Bonsi	Team Auditor	HCV, Environmental Issues
Adriana Cala	Team Auditor	Supply Chain, ICS, Palm Trace
Joseph Osei	Team Auditor	Best Agricultural Practices

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Benso Oil Palm Plantation particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

## Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: Address: Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number:

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

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