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Dear Interested Parties,

# Reference: Stakeholder Consultation Process for RSPO Principles and Criteria Re-Certification Assessment of Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm community Enterprise Group

Bureau Veritas Certification (M) Sdn Bhd has been appointed by Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm community Enterprise Group to perform an RSPO Re-Certification assessment of its members against RSPO Management System Requirements and Guidance for Group Certification of FFB Production (8 March 2018).

Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm community Enterprise Group has been recognized as the group of palm oil smallholder by Suratthani District Agricultural Office on 26-Jan-2015. The group is formed by independent smallholder to achieve for RSPO group certification. Currently, there are 243 independent smallholder members in the group and a total of 1,789.3004 Ha planted with oil palm. The group has been a member of the RSPO since 23 October 2014 with membership no. 1-0164-14-000-00and Palmtrace ID RSPO\_PO1000005336.

Bureau Veritas Certification (BVC) will perform RSPO Re-Certification assessment for the group at 81 Moo 4, Sinpun Praseang Suratthani 84210 Thailand on **12-13 March 2020**.

# Scope of assessment:

Scope of this assessment is Production of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) from Independent Smallholders under Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm Community Enterprise Group. Details of name, location and number of group members covered during the audit are as follow:

| Name of the<br>Group   | Location Address  | GPS Reference |             | Number of    | Area summary         |                          | Projected<br>FFB            |
|--|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  |   | Latitude      | Longitude   | Smallholders | Total Titles<br>(Ha) | *Planted<br>Area<br>(Ha) | Productio<br>n<br>(MT/year) |
| Tapi-Ipun<br>Sustainable Oil<br>Palm<br>Community<br>Enterprise<br>Group | 81 Moo 4,<br>Sinpun<br>Praseang<br>Suratthani<br>Province 84210<br>Thailand | 8.518282"N    | 99.226603"E | 243          | 1,952.2436           | 1,789.3004               | 39,140                      |

Note:

1) Planted area = immature area + mature area

2) Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm community Enterprise Group has responsibility for all smallholders indicated in the Table above.

### Assessment Team

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The assessors assigned for this Re-Certification assessment will involve a team of auditors as follows:

- Mrs. Chongrak Takard: She will be in charge as lead auditor and responsible for auditing against RSPO standard for Group Certification and RSPO P&C at plots owned by group members, HCV, regulatory, good agricultural practice, Integrated Pest Management, pesticide and fertilizer use, ecological and environmental as well as social aspect in plantation
- **Mr. Prapas Nores:** He will be involved with auditing of against RSPO standard for Group Certification and RSPO P&C at plots owned by group members, HCV, regulatory, good agricultural practice, Integrated Pest Management, pesticide and fertilizer use, ecological and environmental as well as social aspect in plantation.
- **Mr. Supiwat Nentakong:** He will be involved with auditing of good agricultural practice, Integrated Pest Management, pesticide and fertilizer use, environmental management, regulatory, health and safety, and worker welfare and social issues in mill and plantation.

## Invitation of all stakeholders:

Interested stakeholders are invited to provide comments or inputs regarding the following issues related to performance of the company and compliance of the company's with RSPO certification requirements.

- Ecological and environmental conservation
- Land acquisition process and/or land disputes
- Opportunity for employment, wage, overtime and piece wage
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Community approach and community development
- Other issues pertaining to RSPO

Your comments or observations can be communicated through either a meeting with assessment team during the field audit or writing to BVC (see contact details below) so that all comments received can be taken into account during the RSPO certification assessment. Contact details for BVC and the auditee's representatives are as follow:

| Bureau Veritas Certification representative  | Tapi-Ipun Sustainable Oil Palm community<br>Enterprise Group representative |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Mrs. Chongrak Takard   | Mrs. Sukanya Srisubat-Group Manager   |  |  |  |
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BVC appreciates comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification letter. Comments and inputs will be considered during the assessment. All received information will be kept confidential and only serves for BVC and RSPO. We thank you for your comments and feedbacks.

Yours sincerely,



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