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Dear Stakeholders,

**Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Assessment of Ghana Oil Palm Development Company, Kwaebibirem District, Eastern Region, Ghana**

**Ghana Oil Palm Development Company** has commissioned TUV Rheinland Indonesia for the assessment and certification of their holdings at **Kwaebibirem District, Eastern Region, Ghana** against the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria – Ghana National Interpretation. The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess the legal, environmental, economic, health & safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

**Ghana Oil Palm Development Company (GOPDC)** owns and operates 1 mill for processing the crop from all estates under GOPDC located in **Kwaebibirem District, Eastern Region, Ghana ; Kwaee estate and Okumaning estate** are estates under GOPDC which supply to the mill with the total area is 14026,5 Ha, total planted area 7023,81 Ha, and total production is 13,500 tons of CPO which is produced by the mill. GOPDC is a member of RSPO and has been actively involved in the Roundtable international conference. GOPDC Mill is implementing a program to achieve RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil for all its production since 2004.

GOPDC is going to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The company is located at Kwaebibirem District, Eastern region, Ghana and consists of one mill with a capacity of 60 mt/hour and a palm kernel crush of 60MT per day.

**Scope of assessment:**

The RSPO certification assessment of GOPDC is scheduled to commence from the week of September 22 to 26, 2014. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) Palm Oil Mills, and 2 (two) company-owned estate. The details of the palm oil mill, estate and smallholder scheme to be assessed are as follows:

<b>Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment</b>						
<b>Name of Mill</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>GPS location</b>		<b>Average Annual Output</b>		<b>Mill Capacity (MT/hour)</b>
		<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>CPO (Tonnes)</b>	<b>PK (Tonnes)</b>	
GOPDC	Kwae, GOPDC, ER	06°15'22" N	00°56'38" W	23292	1661	60

Company Estates to be included in the main assessment						
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Area Summary (1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2014)		Average annual FFB Production (tonnes/year) (2011-2013)
		Latitude	Longitude	Total (ha)	Planted (ha)	
Kwae	Eastern Region	06°16'07'' N	00°56'50' W	8951.69	Mature: 2920.60 Immature: 1340.69	25000-30000
Okumaning	Eastern Region	06°07'55'' N	00°53'32'' W	5074.81	Mature: 2070.20 Immature: 692.32	25000-30000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>14,026.50</b>	<b>Mature: 4990.80 Immature: 2033.01</b>	<b>50000-60000</b>

### Assessment Team

TUV Rheinland Indonesia is member of the TÜV Rheinland Group, a global leader in independent testing and assessment services. Established in 1872. TÜV Rheinland Group has over 130 years of experience in providing various types of certifications as well as technical services for over 490 locations in 61 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of Ghana Oil Palm Development Company. is as follows:

Lead auditor: Hendra Fcahurozi (Environment, Safety, GAP, HCVs, Social, Legal, etc...)  
Auditors: Irpan Kadir (Workers, Social, Local Communities and External Stakeholders),  
Carol Ng (Environmental, Best practices, OSH and Legal), Aswan Hasibuan (Environmental, OSH and Legal)  
Local expert: Charles Mate-Cole (Agriculture Manager for Norpalm Ghana Limited)

## Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on Ghana Palm oil Development Company in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the Ghana National Interpretation (RSPO GNI) on any of the following issues:

- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunities for employment, earning fair wages, overtime and piece-rated work
- Company approach to community development
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Community development
- Land acquisition process
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Other matters pertaining to RSPO

Your comments or observations can be communicated to us through either a meeting with assessment team member during the fieldwork or submitting written comments by email, fax or regular mail to contact details below. Comments submitted within 30 days from the date of this notification shall be considered during the certification assessment. However, your input will be welcome at any stage of the assessment process. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and made available to only TUV Rheinland Indonesia and the RSPO Board.

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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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