



**Date of Notification:** 29 May 2017

Dear Interested Parties,

**Reference: Stakeholder Consultation Process for RSPO Principles and Criteria Initial Certification Assessment (Group certification) of Thappitak Community Enterprise Group**

Bureau Veritas Certification Hong Kong Limited has been contracted by the Thappitak Community Enterprise Group, Thailand to perform an RSPO initial group certification assessment of its palm oil plantations owned by group member against RSPO Management System Requirements and Guidance for Group Certification of FFB Production (7 Mar 2016).

Thappitak Community Enterprise Group has been recognized as the group of palm oil smallholder by Sikao District Agriculture Office on 14 May 2015. The group is fully supported by the partnering mill (Pitak Palm Oil Co., Ltd) to achieve for RSPO group certification. Currently, there are 101 independent smallholder members in the group covering 183 plots and an area of 517.92 ha planted with oil palm. The group has been a member of the RSPO since 23 November 2016 with membership no. 1-0222-16-000-00.

<b>Group name</b>	Thappitak Community Enterprise Group
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Bureau Veritas Certification Hong Kong Limited will perform the initial RSPO group certification assessment during **11-12 July 2017**.

**Scope of assessment:**

The scope of RSPO standard for Group Certification is the palm oil plantations owned by smallholders under the group as showed in Table below:

<b>Number of Smallholders</b>	<b>Location of Group Administration Office</b>	<b>GPS Position (Lat-Long)</b>	<b>Total Planted Area (ha)</b>	<b>FFB Production (ton/year)</b>
101 Smallholders	99 moo3 Kalasae Sikao Trang 92150 Thailand	Lat : 7.743293 Long : 99.309101	538	10,000

**Assessment Team**

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The assessment assigned for the initial certification assessment will involve a team of auditors and technical experts as follows:

- **Dr. Chaiyaporn Seekao:** He 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 Noras:** He will be involved with auditing of good agricultural practice, environmental management, regulatory, and health and safety issues in plantation.
- **Mr. Pongrat Khamnungkit:** He will be involved with auditing of environmental management, regulatory, social aspect, health and safety and workers welfare 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 applicant 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 Bureau Veritas (see contact details below) so that all comments received can be taken into account during the RSPO certification assessment.

The contact details for Bureau Veritas Certification are as follow:

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Bureau Veritas Certification Hong Kong Limited appreciates comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification letter. Comments will be considered in the assessment. All received information will be kept confidential and only serves for Bureau Veritas Certification Hong Kong Limited and RSPO.

We thank you for your comments and feedbacks.

Yours sincerely,

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