

30th April 2013

Dear Stakeholders

Invitation to comment on RSPO Certification Assessment of Wild Asia Group Scheme (WAGS) – MPOB SPOC Telupid, an Independent Smallholders Group.

WAGS – MPOB SPOC Telupid, an Independent Oil Palm Smallholder Group, has applied to BSI Group for RSPO Certification of its Independent Smallholders Group palm oil production. WAGS – MPOB SPOC Telupid is located in Telupid, Beluran, Sabah, Malaysia. WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid is implementing a programme to achieve RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Production for all of its Fresh Fruit Bunch production from their group members at WAGS – MPOB SPOC Telupid Group.

The WAGS – MPOB SPOC Telupid Group's certification project was initiated by Wild Asia Sdn. Bhd. in close cooperation with the Malaysia Palm Oil Board. There are a total of four Independent Smallholder groups being developed by WAGS with locations in Sabah, Sarawak and Perak, Malaysia. All the four groups are developed through the central management office managed by WAGS. During this assessment, the WAGS – MPOB SPOC Telupid will assessed as a pilot project. The assessment will be conducted against the Malaysia National Interpretation (MYNI 2010) which includes smallholder NI Approved by the RSPO Executive Board November 2010 and RSPO Standard for Group Certification, July 2010.

BSi plans to carry out Certification Assessment of the WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid commencing 3rd – 5th June 2013. WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid consists of 43 Independent Smallholder members. Total of 255 ha planted to oil palm. The WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid is organised as a group scheme through WAGS (Wild Asia Group Scheme) acting as the group manager with own central management organisation that lead the group to meet the RSPO requirements. WAGS organise the Internal Control System (ICS) required for the group certification to support the Independent Smallholders. The Assessment process will involve an audit of samples of the 43 group members, group manager and ICS by a team of BSi Environmental, legal, best practice and Social Auditors. Details of the WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid are shown below:

Details of the WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid	
Location Address	Toniting Village, Telupid, Beluran, Sabah.
GPS Location	E 117.362 N 5.746
Projected FFB Tonnage for the year 2013*	3,028
Total Planted Area (ha)	255
Total Number of Members	43
Total Number of Plots	55

* Above details are based on latest estimates

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The BSI Audit Team assigned for the assessment of WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid:

Senniah Appalasamy as Lead Auditor (Best practices, Legal requirement, HCV, worker welfare, Group structure, Internal Control System and Supply chain); **Muhammad Haris** as Auditor (Legal requirements, Internal and External Stakeholder Consultation, social, Interview Families), and **Tuan Haji Isman Yusof** as Auditor (Legal requirement, Health and safety, Environment).

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In preparation for this process, Stakeholders are invited to provide written input to the Assessment by commenting on any significant environmental or social aspect of the WAGS - MPOB SPOC Telupid Independent Smallholder Group's performance that you consider relevant to this Assessment.

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

Environmental protection

Biodiversity conservation

Opportunities for employment

Company approach to community development

Your relationship with the company

Participation in decision making

Free, prior and informed consent

Suggestions for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in the Assessment. Please include the following details in case we may need to contact you for clarification or follow-up on any issue raised by you.

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
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If you wish your comments to be treated confidentially or to remain anonymous, please mark your reply "IN CONFIDENCE". Please direct your comments to:

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Thank you very much for your input. Yours sincerely

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