



## RSPO NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NEW PLANTING

This notification shall be on the RSPO website for 30 days as required by the RSPO procedures for new plantings (<http://www.rspo.org/?q=page/535>). It has also been posted on local on-site notice boards.

**Date of notification: 02.08.2011**

Tick whichever is appropriate

	This is a completely new development and stakeholders may submit comments.
✓	This is part of an ongoing planting and is meant for notification only.

**COMPANY: SIME DARBY PLANTATION Sdn Bhd**

**SUBSIDIARY: SIME DARBY (LIBERIA) PLANTATION Inc**

**RSPO Membership No: 035-04(O)**

**Location of Proposed New Planting: Grand Cape Mount County  
Republic of Liberia**

## **SUMMARY FROM SEI ASSESSMENT**

Sime Darby has prepared an SEIA for the proposed development of 15,000 ha of oil palm that is Stage II of an ongoing planting. The SEIA complies with the Environment Protection Agency, Liberia and with the RSPO P&C requirements for New Plantings. The SEIA process included document review followed by public consultation meetings and a field survey of local communities. The details and outcomes of the consultation meetings are reported in an Appendix of the SEIA. The SEIA considered all major impacts of the proposed new development and made recommendations for mitigation of potential negative impacts and enhancement of beneficial outcomes. The project has the potential to provide significant employment opportunities, spin-off business and improvement of basic infrastructure.

## **SUMMARY FROM HCV ASSESSMENT**

Sime Darby has completed an Assessment to identify the presence of environmental and social HCVs within the concession and at adjacent areas that could be negatively affected by the development. The Assessment included an HCV Management and Monitoring Plan for maintaining and enhancing the identified environmental and social HCVs (HCV4.2, HCV5 & HCV6), and a Training Programme for HCV awareness of staff and workers.

Dr Yap Son Kheong, an RSPO approved Assessor, led a team of appropriately qualified and experienced Environmental Scientists and Ecologists who carried out the Assessment of the presence of HCVs within the new development and adjacent areas and preparation of the HCV Management and Monitoring Plan. The Assessment Team used the HCV Toolkit (ProForest, 2003) for guidance in the assessment process, fieldwork and documentation.

## **SUMMARY OF PLANS**

Sime Darby's Development Plan is based on the best practices that have been applied at its oil palm operations in Malaysia and Indonesia and takes into consideration the recommendations of the SEIA and the HCV Studies and is consistent with the applicable RSPO P&C for New Plantings and addresses the concerns and aspirations raised by affected stakeholders.

## **VERIFICATION STATEMENT**

The SEIA and HCV Assessments are comprehensive, professional and comply with the applicable RSPO Principles, Criteria and Indicators for new plantings.

Signed for on behalf of  
BSi Group Singapore Pte Ltd



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Charlie Ross  
Lead Auditor  
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