

**Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of Société Internationale De Plantations Et de Finances – Côte d'Ivoire  
(SIPEF-CI) – Côte d'Ivoire  
BOLO Mill  
RSPO Membership: 1-0178-15-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

Société Internationale De Plantations Et de Finances – Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI) of Côte d'Ivoire, BOLO Mill, has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply basin located at 37 Km from Sassandra, Sub-prefecture of Dakpadou, not far from the village of Beyo. The assessment will be conducted of one (1) Palm Oil Mill and one (1) Oil Palm Plantation, 1,576 Outgrowers, 3 Scheme Smallholders.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of the Société Internationale De Plantations Et de Finances – Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI) mill from **March 06<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2018 including Supply Chain requirement for mills), using as reference the National Interpretation of the P&Cs for the **Côte d'Ivoire of 2020**.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

<b>Société Internationale De Plantations Et de Finances – Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	Société Internationale de Plantations et de Finances de Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI) Bolo Mill
<b>Mill Name</b>	SIPEF-CI Bolo Mill
<b>PalmTrace ID</b>	RSPO_PO1000009960
<b>Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)</b>	55 mt/hr
<b>Supply Chain Model</b>	IP
<b>Address</b>	Agroindustrial Complex of Bolo, 37 km from Sassandra, Dakpadou sub-prefecture, not far from the village of Beyo, 18 PO. Box 3068 ABIDJAN 18, Côte D'Ivoire.
<b>GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)</b>	5°18'21.34" N ; 6°2'16.1" W
<b>CPO Tonnage (Projection 2023 - 2024)</b>	47,591.76 MT
<b>PK Tonnage (Projection 2023 - 2024)</b>	11,270.76 MT
<b>FFB Tonnages (Projection 2023 - 2024)</b>	207,179.37 MT



Estate	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
BOLO	37 km from Sassandra, Dakpadou sub-prefecture, not far from the village of Beyo,	5°18'21.34" N 6°2'16.1" W	4,294.58	1,056.41	5,350.99	57,179.37
TOTAL			4,294.58	1,056.41	5,350.99	57,179.37

Scheme Smallholders	Location	GPS Coordinates	Number of farmers	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
				Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
COOPABO	Area named War Camp on the main road, 500 m from the Oilibya gas station, in front of the Baker shop named Amitie, Sassandra,	4°56'57.059" N 6°5'29.976" W	553	5,562.58	138.39	5,700.97	50,000
COOPALSA	Area named camp Americain, behind the justice office, between the Orange antenna and the Maison des Sœurs (Nonnerie), Sassandra,	4°56'44.99" N 6°5'28.996" W	980	10,780.08	420.12	11,200.2	97,000
COOP OOASA	Area named Sogoura at 500 m from the main road, precisely Carrefour Wassa, Niapidou,	4°56'46.61" N 6°5'17.898" W	43	359.65	40.35	400	3,000
TOTAL			1,576	16,702.31	59,886	17,301.17	150,000

New Planting Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
<b>NPP Reference Number</b>		
<b>Country of the NPP submission</b>		
<b>Name of Management Unit</b>		
<b>Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan</b>		
<b>Location of NPP area</b>		
<b>Address of NPP area</b>		
<b>GPS Reference</b>		
<b>Total area as per permit</b>		
<b>Area for new planting</b>		
<b>Date of Completion</b>		

RACP Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
Liability disclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Annex 2 disclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Société Internationale de Plantations et de Finance de Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI):

Name	Role	Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
<b>Charles KOUADIO</b>	Audit team leader	Social Expert, Internal and External Stakeholder Consultation, Supply Chain.	Agronomy Engineer, more than 11 years in sustainable projects and more than 6 years oil palm industry. Successfully passed RSPO P&C (2013) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2017) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2020) Lead Auditor, RSPO P&C (2018) Lead Auditor Update, SA8000 Lead Auditor Training, and ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course. Other trainings through RSPO Sustainability College: FPIC, Labour Rights. Fluent in English and in French. Experience in social audit, sustainable agriculture, and certification of agricultural production systems with various CB's and for various crops such as palm oil, many years in the palm oil sector. He is staff member in technical team in RSPO program of SCS Global Services. Fluent in English and French.
<b>Armand ZONGANG</b>	Audit team member	Legal Issues, Environmental Expert	Forest Engineer, 20 years in sustainable projects including oil palm and forestry industries. RSPO SCCS (2020) Lead Auditor, RSPO P&C (2018) Lead Auditor Update, and ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course, FSC FM/CoC Lead Auditor course, Lead, HVC identification. Fluent in English and in French.
<b>Aimé GBAKRE</b>	Audit team member	Best Agronomic Practices and Human resources management	Bachelor's in quality Control and Environment Management, ESTC, Abidjan (2018). Marketing-Communication and Advertising Design Engineer, Institute des Technologies of Abidjan (2009). Bachelor of Arts in literature, specialized in English, University of Cocody, Abidjan (2005). HND in Human Resources Management and Corporate Communication, ESSECT Henri Poincare, Abidjan (2005). Successfully completed the ISO 9001 Lead Auditor Course. Endorsed RSPO P&C Lead Auditor Course 2018 got on 2021. Child Labor Centered Due Diligence 2015. Management on Human Resources 2015. Experience in social audit, sustainable agriculture, and certification of agricultural production systems with various CB's and for various crops such as palm oil, 4 years in the palm oil sector. He is consultant lead auditor at SCS Global Services during RSPO P&C and Rainforest Alliance audits. Fluent in English, in French and in Local languages.



<b>Narcisse SARAKA</b>	Local expert	Local expert	Agronomy Engineer, more than 9 years in sustainable projects and more than 3 years oil palm industry. Successfully passed RSPO P&C (2018) Lead Auditor Update got on 2021, and ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course. He is consultant auditor at SCS Global Services during Rainforest Alliance audits. Fluent in English, French and Local languages.
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SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Société Internationale de Plantations et de Finance de Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI), particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

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

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Adriana Cala  
 RSPO P&C Technical Manager