



## 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: 23 July 2012**

*Tick whichever is appropriate*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a completely new development and stakeholders may submit comments.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is part of an ongoing planting and is meant for notification only.

**COMPANY: SIPEF**

**SUBSIDIARY (If any): PT AGRO RAWAS ULU**

**RSPO Membership No.: 1-0021-05-000-00**

**Location of proposed new planting:** Kec.Rawas Ulu  
Kabupaten Musi Rawas  
Sumatra Selatan  
INDONESIA

**Coordinat : UTM 48M 9707000 0242300**

### **SUMMARY FROM SEI ASSESSMENTS:**

A participative SEIA has been conducted for the project area of PT Agro Rawas Ulu. The SEIA covered a review of documentary sources, field surveys, individual interviews and public consultation meetings for the villages within the project area and for affected land-owners of surrounding communities. Summaries and findings of the interviews and public consultation meetings are included in the SEIA report.

Previous assessments prepared by the same team leader for other management units of Sipef have already been reviewed during RSPO P&C certification audits and found compliant with the RSPO P&C.

### **SUMMARY FROM HCV ASSESSMENTS:**

A team of HCV specialists, led by a HCV lead assessor approved by the RSPO (Dr.Purwo Susanto of Yayasan Kelapa Sawit Berkelanjutan Indonesia), conducted a HCV assessment of the project area of PT Agro Rawas Ulu. The assessment included satellite imagery analysis, extensive field surveys, and public consultations with the communities living in the

project area. The HCV assessment report included recommendations for the management and improvement of the HCV found within the project area.

Various HCV areas were found in the project area, covering a total of 1'195 ha. Mostly riparian areas supporting HCV4 (and potentially HCV1), for a total of 888 ha. Two patches of degraded secondary forest were identified as potential HCV1 areas, covering 257 ha. One small area of secondary forest covering 50 ha was identified as supporting HCV2 (and potentially HCV1). Finally, ten cemeteries and sacred places were identified within the project area. There were no areas found to be supporting HCV3 and HCV5.

A separate desktop HCV assessment was carried out to determine if HCV areas were lost after November 2005, focusing on land-use change from secondary forest to non-forest areas. Such change was found to have occurred, on an area of about 154 ha around the Pangkalan, Teladas, and Lubuk Mas villages. However, data and ground checks confirmed that the land-use change was not caused by activities conducted by PT ARU or another commercial entity, but rather by activities conducted by and for the community.

**SUMMARY OF PLANS:**

The Management Plan for PT Agro Rawas Uluis based on the best practices that have been applied at other oil palm operations of the Sipef group in Indonesia. The findings and recommendations of the SEI and HCV assessments have been integrated in the management plan. HCV peer review assessment will be conducted in August 2012 and public consultation in September 2012.

Land preparation is planned for late 2012 after the issuance of the AMDAL (Socio-environmental impact assessment) and of other supporting legal documents, in particular the IUP (operating license). The AMDAL is in progress, and the initial stage (KA-ANDAL) has been completed. The IUP will be processed immediately after issuance of the AMDAL by the local government (Bupati Musi Rawas). The HGU (land use title) will be processed afterwards, as per Indonesian regulations.

The management plan is consistent with the current RSPO P&C for New Plantings.

**VERIFICATION STATEMENT:**

Physical activity in the field has not been done. The current ongoing activities are the land compensation.

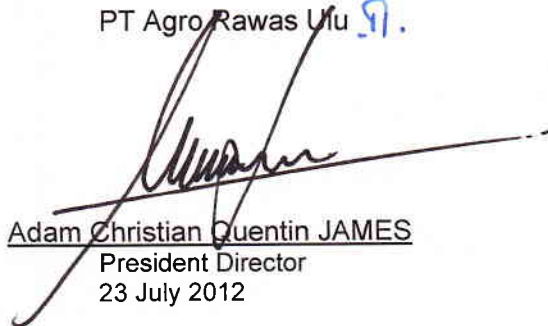
The SEIA and HCV Assessments are comprehensive, professional and comply with the applicable RSPO Principles, Criteria and Indicators for new plantings.

Signed for on behalf of  
BSi Group Singapore Pte Ltd



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Lead Auditor  
23 July 2012

PT Agro Rawas Ulu 



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President Director  
23 July 2012

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