

From | Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
 B-3-1, Prima Klang Avenue, Jalan Kota KS/1,
 41100 Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

Subject | **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF INITIAL AUDIT OF WATAWALA PLANTATIONS PLC**

Date | 19-6-2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Watawala Plantations PLC, a Sri Lanka plantation company, has applied to Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd to carryout certification activities in accordance with the RSPO Principle & Criteria Certification Program (RSPO P&C 2013) and RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard (21st November 2014) revised on 14th June 2017, of its palm oil production.

The **initial audit** is planned to commence on **22 July 2019** and will be completed on **26 July 2019**.

Applicant	Watawala Plantations PLC
Contact details	Dhanushka Daswatte Deputy General Manager Office Complex 754/5, Kandy Road Wedamulla Kelaniya Dhanushka.daswatte@sunshineholdings.lk
RSPO membership number	2-0321-12-000-00
Brief information about Applicant	<p>In its application for membership, Watawala began in 1992 when the government of Sri Lanka privatized 22 regional plantation companies growing tea, rubber, coconut and oil palm. Some of them were given to a joint venture between Watawala and Tata Tea Ltd of India, which now grows mainly three crops on 12,442 ha. tea (48%), rubber (10%) and oil palm (21%) with a very small area of coconut, and smaller yet areas of cinnamon, and arecanut. It also manages a farm upcountry with 100 dairy cattle.</p> <p>Watawala key strength is its pursuit of excellence, always trying to go beyond even the best practices. This way, it keeps one step ahead of the pack, constantly innovating and bringing about perpetual change from good to great.</p>

Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment						
Name of Palm Oil Mill (POM)	Mill Capacity (MT/Hr)	Location Address	GPS reference (Longitude, Latitude)		Forecasted Annual output (MT) (CPO, Palm Kernel)	
Nakiadeniya Palm Oil Mill	15	Nakiyadeniya, Galle	80.325	6.152	9,109.03	891.11

ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT						
Name of estate / association	Location Address	GPS reference (Longitude, Latitude)		Area Summary (Ha) (Total, Mature)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)
	Homadola Estate	Udugama road, Galle	80.344	6.21	666.86	
Nakiyadeniya Rubber Estate	Udugama road, Galle	80.325	6.151	1,323.16	899.35	14,024.14
Thalangaha Oil Palm Estate	Udugama road, Galle	80.325	6.151	1,476.51	1088.95	17,481.41
Total				3,466.53	2,547.46	39,604.42

Details on the audit team:

LEAD ASSESSOR

Mohd Farul Bin Rosli

Diploma in mechanical engineering. Involved in RSPO auditing since 2012. Working experience as Sustainability and Safety in Oil Palm Plantation for 5 years. Trained and completed the lead auditor course for ISO 9001:2015, OSHAS 18001:2007, RSPO and MSPO standard. Involved in audits conducted in Malaysia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea

SUPPORTING ASSESSORS

Mohd Razaleigh Bin Mohamad

Diploma in planting industry management Uitm Jengka. Bachelor degree in planting industry and management 2nd class upper. Working with Tradewinds Plantation berhad from 2012-2017. Have attended RSPO, Global Gap, USDA NOP, JAS audits in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. Fluent in English and Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia

Chathuranga Iroshan Deshapriya

B.Sc. Forestry and Environmental Science (Special), Second Class Upper Division - University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Lead Auditor/Auditor (Forestry Programs, RSPO, ISO 14001 EMS, ISO 50001 EnMS). 2 years of Auditing experience in Forestry and Plantation Industry, Timber Processing Industry, Rubber and other NTFP processing Industry and Printing and Publishing Industry. Also as an Assessor (Carbon Neutralized, Water Footprint and Energy Footprint Assessments). Experience in Steam Generation and Distribution System, Electricity System, Motors, Pumps Chiller, Pumps and Lighting Systems in latex manufacturing industry, wheat flour manufacturing industry).

Paramjit Singh Karam Singh

Approved auditor with 2 years of experience conducting timber legality audits (Sabah TLAS and STLVS) in Sabah and Sarawak, Singapore Gold Labelling Scheme (SGLS) audits and RSPO P & C audits. Having professional background in Forestry, Fish and Wildlife with a BSc Degree in Environmental Science, BSc Degree in Fish and Wildlife, and MSc Degree in Entomology from Montana State University, Bozeman. Has successfully completed ISO 9001, ISO 14001, RSPO Principle and Criteria Lead Auditor Training.

Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is a member of the Control Union - an international inspection and certification body. CUC performs assessments and certification in many agricultural based fields such as FSC, RSPO, and Organic production, Sustainable Textile Production, Organic Exchange, GLOBALGAP, HACCP, BRC, GMP. Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is accredited for RSPO (RSPO-ACC-021) for the scope of P&C (Single Site & Group) and SCCS worldwide. When requested, a copy of the accreditation certificate can be obtained from CUC.

Stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in certification process; during which relevant national, regional as well as local stakeholders are asked to give their views and opinions as to whether the applicant's certification units comply with the requirements of the applicable National Interpretation.

We invite all stakeholders to take part in this consultation procedure as you can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. We ask you to raise any issues, both positive and negative, by sending a written response by mail, fax or by E-mail to our Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd office as indicated below.

For your guidance, you may consider the following points:

- Environmental protection.
- Biodiversity conservation.
- Opportunities for employment.
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support.
- Company approach to community development.
- Participation in decision making.
- Any other issue, both positive and negative that you consider may be of relevance to the assessment.
- Issues relating to other plantations owned by the company not included in this assessment.
- A copy of the applicable RSPO standard for the country, in which the assessment is being conducted, is available from www.rsपो.org. Alternatively please ask Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd for a copy.

Your responses will be dealt with in complete confidentiality and will only be distributed to the appropriate persons within the organizations of CUC, ASI and RSPO.

When required your reply will remain confidential. Please add "Confidential" in your response and when preferred your response can be added as anonymous in the public summary of the report. In that case please also add "Anonymous" in your response.

If requested by you, the audit team will make the necessary arrangements to allow you to meet with them during the evaluation.

Please direct your comments to:

Control Union Malaysia Office	
Cheah Chi Ern, Scheme Coordinator, B-3-1, Prima Klang Avenue, Jalan Kota KS/1, 41100 Klang, Selangor, Malaysia	
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Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in this Assessment. Please include the following information should we need to contact you for clarification on any issues raised:

Name : _____
Address : _____
E-Mail : _____
Phone Number : _____
Summary of Issue :

We thank you for the participation and feedback.

Yours Sincerely,



Cheah Chi Ern
Scheme Coordinator,
Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd