

11 January 2013

Dear Stakeholders

**Invitation to Comment on RSPO Certification Assessment of Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah
Independent Smallholders Group, Ukui – Pelalawan District, Riau Province – Indonesia.**

Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah, an Independent Oil Palm Smallholder Group, has applied to BSi for RSPO Certification of its Independent Smallholders Group palm oil production. Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah is located in Pelalawan District, Riau Province, Indonesia. Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah is a member of RSPO since October 2012 and is implementing a programme to achieve RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil for all of its production from their group members. The Independent Smallholder Group Certification project was initiated by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Indonesia in close cooperation with Fondation Carrefour.

BSi plans to carry out Certification Assessment of the Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah commencing 11 – 14 February 2013. Asosiasi Petani Swadaya Amanah consists of 349 smallholder members with 763 ha planted to oil palm. The Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah is organised as farmers group and having own management organisation that lead the group to meet the RSPO requirements through internal training to the members with support from various organizations both from public and private sectors. The Assessment process will involve an audit of samples within the group members by a team of BSi Environmental, legal, best practices, and social auditors. The samples taken will consider the level of high, medium, and low risks in accordance to RSPO Group Certification Standard Guidance, July 2010. The National Interpretation of RSPO P&C for Independent Smallholders (INA-SWG: July 2010) will also use as a tool to assess the compliance to the standard. Details of the Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah Independent Smallholder Group are shown below:

Details of Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah.	
Location Address	Trimulya Jaya, Bukit Jaya, and Air Mas Villages, Ukui Sub District, Pelalawan District, Riau Province – Indonesia.
GPS Location	102°06'09.46 BT 0°09'36.85 LS
Projected FFB Tonnage for the year 2013	16,807.39
Total Planted Area (ha)	763
Total Number of Members	349
Total Number of Plots	349

Farmer sub-group	Villages	Planting Year	Total Area (Ha)	Number of farmers	Estimation production for 2013 (tonnes)
311	Trimulya Jaya	2000	53	25	1,162.48
312	Trimulya Jaya	2000	123	56	2,716.78
313	Trimulya Jaya	2000	83	39	1,821.38
314	Trimulya Jaya	2000	89	37	1,956.68
315	Trimulya Jaya	2000	84	36	1,843.38
316	Trimulya Jaya	2000	81	40	1,778.04
317	Bukit Jaya	2001	63	31	1,394.14
318	Bukit Jaya	2001	62	28	1,359.82
319	Air Mas	1997/1998	62	29	1,398.15
320	Trimulya Jaya	2000	63	28	1,376.54
TOTAL			763	349	16,807.39

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The BSi Audit Team assigned for the assessment of Independent Smallholder Group is as follows:

Aryo Gustomo as Lead Auditor (Best practices, Environment, Group structure, Internal Control System and Supply chain); **Nanang Muallib** as Auditor (Legal requirements, HCV, Stakeholder Consultation, Internal and External Stakeholders, Female Workers Families and local Interviewer, fluent in local language), and **Pratama Agung Sedayu** as Auditor (Best Practices, Health and Safety, and Social community engagement)

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 Asosiasi Petani Sawit Swadaya Amanah performance that you consider relevant to this Assessment.

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

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| Environmental protection | Your relationship with the company |
| Biodiversity conservation | Participation in decision making |
| Opportunities for employment | Free, prior and informed consent |
| Company approach to community development | 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:

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If you wish your comments to be treated confidentially or to remain anonymous, please mark your reply “IN CONFIDENCE”.





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Thank you very much for your input.

Yours sincerely

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