



**Notification of RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of Palmas Montecarmelo S.A., COLOMBIA**  
**RSPO Membership: 1-0397-22-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

Palmas Montecarmelo S.A of Colombia has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Initial/Re-Certification Assessment of its Palm oil plantation located near KM 18 Vía Agustín Codazzi a Bucaramanga, Cesar, Colombia. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Oil Palm Plantation.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Initial Certification assessment of the Palmas Montecarmelo S.A from **May 20 – 24, 2024**. 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 **COLOMBIA/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.

Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.	
<b>Description</b>	Outgrower
<b>Outgrower Name</b>	Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.
<b>PalmTrace ID</b>	RSPO_PO1000016842
<b>Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)</b>	N/A
<b>Supply Chain Model</b>	IP FFB
<b>Address</b>	Km 18 Vía Agustín Codazzi a Bucaramanga, Cesar, Colombia
<b>GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)</b>	N/A
<b>CPO Tonnage (Projection 2024)</b>	N/A
<b>PK Tonnage (Projection 20224)</b>	N/A
<b>FFB Tonnages (Projection 2024)</b>	33,959

Farms	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.	Agustín Codazzi, Cesar, Colombia	9.90138889, -73.26450556	1,335	416.5	2,524.30	33,959
TOTAL			1,335	416.5	2,524.30	33,959

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>	-	

Area for new planting	-
Date of Completion	-

RACP Procedure			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
Liability disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No FARM / ESTATE NAME
Annex 2 disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No FARM / ESTATE NAME

SCS serves the food industry and agribusiness with a large variety of programs throughout the entire value chain. We have more than 25 years of experience in the development of standards, third-party verification and rigorous scientific analysis to clients around the world, helping them to manage risk and increase their market share, and positioning them as leaders. Among our innovations is the development of the first "Pesticide Free" certification in the 1980s. We were pioneers with the Veriflora Sustainably Grown standard for flowers and foliage, the Fair Trade standard for social compliance and the development of Starbucks C.A.F.E. Standard Practices to evaluate the responsible purchase of coffee. SCS currently manages this program for Starbucks and accredits certification bodies in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Our agricultural certification programs include, among others, ISCC, RSB, Bonsucro, SQF, GLOBALG.A.P., Tesco, and BRCGS.

SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.:

Name	Role	Qualification and Experience
<b>Weesmery Navarro</b>	Lead auditor	<p>Education: Environmental and sanitary engineer, specialist in quality management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO P&amp;C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead Auditor Course, HSEQ Auditor updated version 2015, RSPO SCC Oleochemical Course, ISH RSPO Standard Auditor, Diploma in the promotion of formalization of employment, safety and health at work in the palm sector (ILO).</p> <p>Working experience: 13 years of work experience, of which 9 years have been in the oil palm agribusiness. During this time, she has worked as responsible for environmental processes in oil mill plants and has collaborated in the adoption of sustainable technologies with small, medium and large producers. She has also worked as an auditor in national ISO and OSHAS certification standards, and as an implementer of international certification standards such as RSPO and ISCC. Fluent in English and Spanish.</p>
<b>Enrique Ospina</b>	Team auditor	<p>Education: BS-Environmental Engineer, specialization in sustainable environmental management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: ALS Advisor for the evaluation of HCV (High conservation Areas) in HCV-HCVR. Resource Network. RSPO P&amp;C (2013) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2019) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO P&amp;C (2018) Lead Auditor Update, RSPO SCC (2019), ISCC Lead Auditor: 2018, Integrated Management System Leader Systems Auditor ISO 9001: 2015, 14001: 2015 OHSAS 18001: 2007: 31000: 2011). Other trainings via webinar PalmGHGV4 RSPO, Living Wage (DLW), Control of Palm Oil Extraction Process.</p> <p>Working experience: Working experience: 11 years of experience in the palm oil and biofuels industry, 6 more years of experience in the implementation and auditing of Integrated Systems of Control and Management of the Supply Chain and in environmental management with the legal requirements in Agroindustry.</p> <p>He is fluent in English and in Spanish.</p>
<b>América González</b>	Team auditor	<p>Education: Chemical engineer specialized in environmental engineering.</p> <p>Trainings attended: SA 8000 Social Responsibility lead auditor course (2021), RSPO P&amp;C lead auditor course 2018 (2021), RSPO SCCS lead auditor course (2020), ISCC EU and PLUS (2020), BONSUCRO P&amp;C + SCCS (2020), COVID-19 response protocols (2020), Industrial Safety and Occupational Health</p>



		<p>Management (2019), ISO 9001:2015 ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 lead auditor (2018), environmental impact assessment (2009 -2012).          Working experience: 10 years of experience in quality, environment, health and safety management systems, legal compliance assessments, environmental impact assessment and wastewater management. 5 years of experience as an environmental consultant registered with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala. One year of experience in carbon footprint calculation. Registered with the Guatemalan Ministry of Labor as a health and safety professional. She is fluent in Spanish and English.</p>
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SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Palmas Montecarmelo S.A., 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:

<p><b>Ms. Adriana Cala</b>  <b>RSPO P&amp;C Program Manager</b>          SCS Global Services          2000 Powell Street, Suite 600  <b>Emeryville, CA 94608 USA</b>  <b>Tel: +1.786.281.2707</b>  <b>Email: acala@scsglobalservices.com</b></p>	<p>And/or</p>	<p><b>Luis Eduardo Gaviria Arteta</b>  <b>Sustainability Coordinator</b>          Palmas Montecarmelo S.A.          Cra 54 No. 74- 134 OF 106          Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia  <b>Tel: +57 3145951508</b>  <b>Email: luis.gaviria@palcarmelo.com</b></p>
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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Adriana Cala  
 RSPO P&C Program Manager