

28th June 2021

Notification of RSPO Certification Assessment of Biase Plantations Limited - Calaro Palm Oil Mill
RSPO Membership Number: 2-0017-05-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Biase Plantations Limited - Calaro Palm Oil Mill has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply base located at Mbarakom in the local government of Akamkpa in Cross River State, Nigeria. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 1 Estate.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Certification assessment of **Biase Plantations Limited - Calaro Palm Oil Mill** from **16 to 20 of August 2021**. The assessment will be conducted against the Nigeria National Interpretation 2021 of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Principles and Criteria.

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.

COMPANY NAME	
Mill Name	Calaro Palm Oil Mill
PalmTrace ID	RSPO_PO1000012582
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	45 MT/hr
Supply Chain Model	MB
Address	Mbarakom, Akamkpa LGA Cross River State, Nigeria
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	5.290900 N 8.298430 E
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2022)	7,142 MT
PK Tonnage (Projection 2022)	1,209 MT
FFB Tonnes (Projection 2022)	31,000 MT

Farms / Estate	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Calaro Estate	Akamkpa LGA, Cross River State, Nigeria	5.285630 N 8.290390 E	4,196.880	220.550	5,549	31,000
		TOTAL	4,196.880	220.550	5,549	31,000

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 FairTrade 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, Global GAP, Tesco, and BRC.

SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of **Biase Plantations Limited - Calaro Palm Oil Mill**:

Name	Role	Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
Frank KWESI	Team Leader	Environmental Expert, HCV, Supply Chain	Master's degree in Environmental Management and Policy, 17 years in sustainable projects including oil palm and forestry industries. 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, ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course, RA and FSC FM/CoC Lead Auditor course, HCV Assessor Training, OHSAS 18001 Certified Auditor course, RA SAS Lead Auditor course. He is fluent in English.
Dennis ACQUAH	Team Member	Social Expert, Internal and External Stakeholder Consultation	BSc. In Natural Resource management with specialization in Forestry from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and technology, Kumasi, Ghana; MSc in logistic and Supply Chain Management from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He has been trained on RSPO PnC 2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS Lead Auditor Course, FSC Forest management/CoC Lead Auditor Course, and RA SAS Farm/CoC Lead Auditor Course. He has also participated in ESIA and SEA trainings, SA8000 Lead Auditor Course. He works as Project Coordinator (Forest and Biodiversity). He has experience in implementing forest governance projects, building relations and sustaining communications with forest communities, acting as resource person for awareness and training activities and engaging government towards policy reforms. Has 14 years of experience as an Operation Managers having worked with two of the leading timber processing industries in Ghana. He is fluent in English.
Dr. Akinwumi Adeyemi ADESOJI	Team Member	Legal Issues, Best Agronomic Practices Local Expert	PhD in Forest Resources Management, MSc in Forest Biometrics and Remote Sensing and BSc in Forest Resources Management from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. HCV Lead Assessor's Course by Proforest in 2015; Certificate Course in Google Earth Engine Applications to Natural Resources Management Google Headquarters, Mountain View, California, USA in 2017; Geomatics, University of Yaoundé I, Yaoundé, Cameroon in 2017; FSC/PFC Certification Course by the Soil Association Certification, Bedfordshire, UK in 2018; HCS-HCV in 2018; RSPO Lead Auditors' Supply Chain Certification Audit Course by Proforest in 2019. He worked on RSPO Mock-audit with Proforest in March, 2018; Two RSPO P&C Audits at Siat Nigeria Limited and Presco Plc. in 2018; Two RSPO Supply Chain Certification Audits at Siat Nigeria Limited and Presco Plc., Nigeria in October and November, 2018; RSPO P&C and SCC Audits of Okomu Oil Palm Company Plc. in 2019. He is fluent in English and in Local language.

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of **Biase Plantations Limited - Calaro Palm Oil Mill**, 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 Technical Manager