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Dear Stakeholder,

Sir/Madam,

Invitation to Comment on RSPO Recertification Assessment of Boustead Plantations Berhad - Sungai Jernih Production Unit

Boustead Plantations Berhad. has commissioned SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. for the assessment and certification of its certification units against National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production.

RSPO was established in 2004 with the objective of promoting the production and use of sustainable palm oil. RSPO certification will enable oil palm growers and palm oil millers to claim that their product is produced sustainably. Among the requirements to market the claim are:

- Adoption appropriate plantation and milling best practices
- Compliance with legal requirements
- Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity
- Responsible consideration of employees and of individual and communities
- Continual improvement

In ensuring that the organization seeking certification meets the above requirements, SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. would like to invite interested parties to comment on the recertification assessment of Boustead Plantations Berhad - Sungai Jernih Production Unit.

The followings are information on Boustead Plantations Berhad and SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.:

Boustead Plantations Berhad has applied to SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. for RSPO certification of 2 out of its 2 certification units.

Boustead Plantations Berhad (RSPO Membership Number: 1-0012-04-000-00) owns 41 oil palm estates and 10 mills in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Sarawak in Malaysia. Currently, Boustead Plantations Berhad oversees a total of approximately 85,000 hectares of agricultural land, of which about 69,000 hectares are planted with oil palm in Malaysia. Boustead Plantations Berhad also purchases fresh fruit bunches from surrounding smallholders.

Apart from the estates and mills operation, Boustead Plantations Berhad is also involved in planting and processing of oil palm.

Boustead Plantations Berhad is a pioneering member of RSPO and has always shown its commitment in this field. It has and continues to actively participate in local and International conferences relating to RSPO as evidenced by the company's participation in RT1 to RT13.



SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. is the oldest and leading certification, inspection and testing body in Malaysia. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. provides a comprehensive range of certification, inspection and testing services which are carried out in accordance with internationally recognised standards. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. has considerable experience in providing quality, environmental, and occupational health and safety management system certification services to the oil palm estates, palm oil mills and other downstream activities.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. plans to carry out the recertification assessment of Boustead Plantations Berhad - Sungai Jernih Production Unit starting from 14 June 2016 until 17 June 2016. Standard of RSPO Principle & Criteria MYNI, 2014 and RSPO Supply Chain, November 2014 will be used for this assessment. Sg Jernih Production Unit is located at Pekan, Pahang, Malaysia. Details of the certification unit can be referred to **Attachment 1** as attached in Appendix.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. has appointed:

Assessment Team	Role / Area of Requirement	Qualification and Experience
Mohd Hafiz Mat Hussain	Lead Auditor / Occupational Safety & Health and Environmental issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected more than 100 auditor days in auditing various schemes i.e. ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001, RSPO P&C and MSPO Four years' experience in Oil Palm Plantation management. Successfully completed and passed the RSPO Lead Assessor Course – 2014. Successfully completed Lead Assessor course for ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 B. Sc. (Hons) Plantation Management and Technology
Amir Bin Bahari	Auditor / Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Sc (Hons) Chemistry – USM Pulau Pinang Working as Estate Manager (2008 – 2013 – retired) Prepared documents and practices for RSPO certification. Maintains all documents and practices/training to employees for the certified RSPO and OHSAS 18001 before completing tenure in the estate. Asst. Mill Engineer/ Asst. Manager since 1994-2002 at Bukit Rajah POM. Implemented ISO 9002 QMS for the mill, certified by SIRIM in 1995. Production Executive since 1988 – 1994 at Sime Darby Plantation
Mohd Zulfakar Bin Kamaruzaman	Auditor / Ecology & HCV Habitat , Social Issues and Related Legal Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 4 years working experience related to Oil Palm Plantation Almost 1 year working experience related to Forestry Successfully completed IRCA accredited Lead Assessor training for QMS ISO 9001:2008. Successfully completed IRCA accredited Lead Assessor training for EMS ISO 14001:2004 Successfully completed IRCA accredited Lead Assessor training for OHSAS 18001:2007 B. Sc. Forestry from University Putra Malaysia
Ruzita Abd Gani	Auditor / Supply Chain (SC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 760 days of auditing experience, having audited ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, RSPO & MSPO. Five and half years' experience in palm oil

		<p>milling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully Completed RSPO Lead Assessor Course – 2008. • Successfully completed ISO 14001 EMS EARA approved Lead Assessor – 2002. • Successfully completed IRCA accredited Lead Assessor training for ISO 9001:2004. • Successfully completed OHSAS 18001 OHSMS IRCA accredited Lead Assessor Course – 2005. • Registered Environmental Auditor with Department of Environment (DOE) – 2010. • B.Sc. (Hons) Chemical Engineering.
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In relation to the forthcoming assessments, SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. welcomes stakeholders to comment on the following topics:

- 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 topic / matter or issue of relevance to the assessment or about the company/estates/mills or auditors

Comments received prior to the assessment will be considered. Please direct your comments to:

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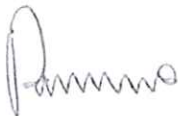
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX

Attachment 1

Details of Sungai Jernih Production Unit:

PALM OIL MILL (POM) FOR THIS ASSESSMENT						
Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity	Location	GPS Reference		Estimated / Forecasted Annual Output (MT)	
(POM)	(Tonnes/hr)	Address	Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
Sungai Jernih Palm Oil Mill	30	KM 70, Lebuhraya Gambang-Segamat, 26650 Pekan, Pahang Darul Makmur	103°06'27"E	03°21'42"N	24,449.00	3,721.00
ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT						
Name of Estate / Association	Location	GPS Reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation Certified FFB Production (MT)
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature	
Sungai Jernih Estate	KM 70, Lebuhraya Gambang-Segamat, 26650 Pekan, Pahang Darul Makmur	103°05'59"E	03°20'17"N	2,695.70	2,181.20	37,300.00
Bebar Estate	KM 87, Lebuhraya Gambang-Segamat, 26700 Muadzam Shah,	03°20'17"E	03°08'11.4"N	2,340.60	2,224.10	41,000.00

	Pahang Darul Makmur					
Tabung Tentera Terengganu	KM 61, Jalan Jabor-Jerangau, 24050 Kemaman, Terengganu Darul Iman	103°13'59"E	04°12'10"N	1,810.70	1,380.30	28,000.00
Total				6,847.00	5,785.60	106,300.00