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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Assessment of Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd. – Sg. Segama Group of Estates

Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd. has commissioned TUV Rheinland Malaysia for the assessment and certification of one of their holdings in Lahad Datu, Malaysia and will be assessed against the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria – Malaysian National Interpretation (MY-NI). The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess the legal, environmental, economic, health & safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd. is 51.55% owned (as at December 2009) by Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad, and was listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 16 November 2007. Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad is a progressive and well-established publicly listed company with diversified businesses in plantations, property investment and development, credit financing, trading of fertilizers and automotive, as well as building materials and stone quarries.

In line with RSPO certification requirements, Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd. has established a challenging time bound plan to certify all its estates and mills in Malaysia by the year ending 2012.

Hap Seng Plantations Holding Bhd. announces Sg. Segama Group of Estates (SSGOE) under their subsidiary, Hap Seng Plantations (River Estates) Sdn. Bhd. to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The group of estates is located at Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia and consists of one mill with a capacity of 45 MT/hour and average annual output of 46,818 tonnes CPO. Fresh fruit bunches (FFB) to Bukit Mas Mill is supplied by 3 company owned estates covering a land area of 9,907 ha*.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of Sg. Segama Group of Estates is scheduled to commence from 27 June – 1 July 2011. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) palm oil mill and 3 (three) company-owned estates. The details of the oil palm mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of Mill	Location	GPS location		Average Annual Output		Mill Capacity (MT/hour)
		Latitude	Longitude	CPO (Tonnes)	PK (Tonnes)	
Bukit Mas Palm Oil Mill	Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia	5°20' 14.28"N	118°28' 25.104"E	46,818	10,889	45

Company Estates to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Area Summary		Average annual FFB Production (tonnes/year)
		Latitude	Longitude	Total (ha)	Planted (ha)	
Sg. Segama Estate I	Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia	5°19' 02.421"N	118°27' 47.331"E	2578	2396	56,250
Sg. Segama Estate II	Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia	5°19' 02.421"N	118°27' 47.331"E	2596	2108	52,167
Bukit Mas Estate	Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia	5°19' 01.928"N	118°27' 46.294"E	4733	4258	113,676
TOTAL				9907	8762	222,093

* All data is provided by the organization undergoing assessment and will be verified during the on-site assessment.

Assessment Team

TUV Rheinland Malaysia is member of Group TÜV Rheinland Group, a global leader in independent testing and assessment services. Established in 1872, TÜV Rheinland Group has over 130 years of experience in providing various types of certifications as well as technical services for over 490 locations in 61 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of Sg. Segama Group of Estates is as follows:

Lead auditor: Dian S. Soeminta (Environment, Safety, GAP, HCVs, Social, etc...)
Auditors: Fadli (Workers, Social, Local Communities and External Stakeholders), Carol Ng (Environment, GAP, OSH and Legal), Rahmawati Noor (Environment, OSH)

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd. – Sg. Segama GOE in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the Malaysian National Interpretation (RSPO MY-NI) on any of the following issues:

- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunities for employment, earning fair wages, overtime and piece-rated work
- Company approach to community development
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Community development
- Land acquisition process
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Other matters pertaining to RSPO

Your comments or observations can be communicated to us through either a meeting with assessment team member during the fieldwork or submitting written comments by email, fax or regular mail to contact details below. Comments submitted within 30 days from the date of this notification shall be considered during the certification assessment. However, your input will be welcome at any stage of the assessment process. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and made available to only TUV Rheinland Malaysia and the RSPO Board.

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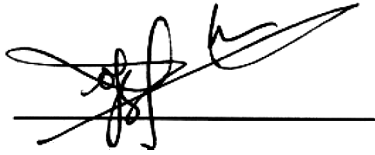
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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