

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL)

1.2 Membership number

1-0102-11-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Oil Palm Growers

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Liberia

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

Yes

2.1 Please select all description(s) that describe the palm oil-related activities of your company or organisation. Multiple selections are allowed, and not limited to the primary sector of the member's RSPO membership. You will be required to complete the relevant ACOP section based on your selection(s).

- ☒ I own and operate oil palm estate(s) and/or palm oil mill(s)
- ☐ I represent a palm oil Independent Smallholder farmer Group
- ☐ I own and operate independent palm oil mills
- ☐ I own and operate independent palm kernel crushing plants
- ☐ I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- ☐ I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil
- ☐ I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related ingredients
- ☐ I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- ☐ I manufacture consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors.
- ☐ I retail consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- ☐ I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- ☐ I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a conservation and environmental NGO
- ☐ I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a social and human development NGO

Grower

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activities as a palm oil grower:

- ☐ Oil palm grower without palm oil mill
- ☒ Oil palm grower with palm oil mill
- ☐ Oil palm grower with palm oil mill and palm kernel crushing plant
- ☐ Independent palm oil mill
- ☐ Smallholder Group Manager

2. Operations and Certification Progress

Information in Section 2.0 - Operations and Certification Progress - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes hectareage data, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate certification of individual members, sectors and RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported hectareage data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete ACOP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.

2.1 Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

2.1.1 Please state the total number of palm oil estates, certified and uncertified, controlled or managed by the member

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Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

Description	Hectares
2.1.2 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - planted and infrastructure (hectares)	19048.0
2.1.3 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - unplanted (hectares)	10167.0
2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas (hectares)	11482.0
2.1.5 Other conservation land set aside, excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4 (hectares)	0.0
2.1.6 Total land under scheme smallholders (hectares)	0.0
Total	40697.0

2.2 Certification progress**2.2.1 Number of management units certified under RSPO P&C Certification**

0**2.2.2 Total certified land under the RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders (hectares)**

0.0**2.2.2.1 Certification progress - land under RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders**

0.00%**2.3 In which countries are your estates located?****2.3.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)**

-**2.3.2 Malaysia - Please indicate which state(s)**

-**2.3.3 Other - Please indicate which country/countries**

Liberia

2.4 New plantings and development (excluding replanting)**2.4.1 How much new land was planted by your company during this reporting period (hectares)?**

143.0

2.4.2 How many New Planting Procedures (NPP) covering the new plantings in this reporting period (Question G.2.4.1) were submitted to the RSPO?

0.0

2.4.4 Do the New Planting Procedures (NPP) reported in Question G.2.4.2 cover all new plantings reported in Question G.2.4.1?

No

2.4.5 Please explain why

Covered under NPPs approved earlier.

2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)**2.5.1 Total FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)**

143072.0**2.5.1.1 Total certified FFB volume produced by certified estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)**

0.0**2.5.2 In addition to FFB produced by your company's estates, does your supply base include any of the following?**

- ☐ Scheme Smallholders
- ☐ Independent Smallholders
- ☐ Outgrowers
- ☐ Other Third-Party Suppliers

2.6 Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) processing and production operations

2.6.1 Number of palm oil mills operated

1

2.6.2 Number of palm oil mills certified under RSPO P&C

0

3. Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production

Information in Section 3 - Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate production uptake on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

3.1 Total Crude Palm Oil produced (tonnes)

Countries/Regions	Tonnes
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	34723.0
Rest of the World	0.0
Total	34723.0

3.2 CSPO sold as RSPO certified

Description	Tonnes
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	0.0
RSPO Credits	0.0
Total	0.0

3.5 Total CSPO sold

Description	Tonnes
3.2 CSPO sold as RSPO-certified	0.0
3.3 CSPO sold under other certification schemes	0.0
3.4 CSPO sold as conventional	0.0
Total	0.0

3.6 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPO represents the following percentage of your total CPO production

0.00%

3.8 Total Crude Palm Kernel produced (tonnes)

Countries/Regions	Tonnes
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	5546.0
Rest of the World	0.0
Total	5546.0

3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO certified

Description	Tonnes
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	0.0
Total	0.0

3.12 Total CSPK sold

Description	Tonnes
3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO-certified	0.0
3.10 CSPK sold under other certification schemes	0.0
3.11 CSPK sold as conventional	0.0
Total	0.0

3.13 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPK represents the following percentage of your total CPK production

0.00%

4. TimeBound Plan

4.1 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) its first RSPO P&C certification?

2023

4.2 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all its estates and mills?

2024

4.2.1 If the previous target year for G.4.2 has not been met, please explain why

RSPO complaint resolution still in process, partly because of delay in all parties agreeing on independent facilitators, and HCSA grievance resolution in process.

4.4 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all FFB, regardless of source?

2024

4.4.1 If the previous target year for G.4.4 has not been met, please explain why

RSPO complaint resolution still in process, partly because of delay in all parties agreeing on independent facilitators, and HCSA grievance resolution in process

5. Concession Map

5.1 The RSPO General Assembly Resolution 6G (2013) calls for all members with Grower operations to submit maps of their concessions through ACOP. Has your company submitted concession maps to the RSPO in previous ACOP cycles?

Yes _____

5.2 Has your company acquired any new concession sites or have any concession sites changed ownership since the previous ACOP map submission?

No _____

6. GHG Footprint

6.1 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units by hectare (tCO₂e/ha)?

0.0

6.2 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units per tonne of crude palm oil (tCO₂e/tCPO)?

0.0

6.3 What are the key emission sources identified by your company in certified management units?

- ☒ Land use change
- ☐ Existing cultivation peatland
- ☐ Palm oil mill effluent (POME)
- ☐ Fertiliser application
- ☐ Others

Others

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6.4 Does your company have a baseline for GHG reporting?

No

6.4.2 Please explain why your company does not have an existing baseline, and if it is planning to develop a baseline for GHG reporting?

Challenges in obtaining accurate baseline and other data. The issue being resolved, plan to be addressed by the next ACOP reporting

7. Support for Oil Palm Smallholders

7.1 How is your company supporting Independent Smallholder groups?

- ☐ Sourcing of physical FFB
- ☐ Financial support
- ☐ Operations support
- ☐ Training support
- ☐ Community development
- ☐ Not supporting Independent Smallholder groups
- ☒ Others

Others

Have provided community farmers with seedlings. Community Oil Palm program explored but no viable model yet

7.1.1 Please provide the names and locations of the oil palm Independent Smallholder groups that you are currently supporting. This question is not mandatory, and is left to the discretion of the RSPO member to answer.

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8. Actions For Next Reporting Period

8.1 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to advance its certification efforts.

1. Complete Sustainability Action Plan to ensure foundations for sustainable certification established and move existing RSPO complaint to closure
 2. Start planning pre-certification activities related to 1st commercial mill in Tarjuowon including internal audits.
 3. Pre-certification activities are related to the mill and supply base for Tarjuowon mill including internal audits.
 4. Continuing education on RSPO standards and 2018 P&C 5. Resolve outstanding complaints and grievances where possible
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8.2 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to promote the uptake CSPO along the supply chain.

1. Work with partners to explore pilot of sustainable community oil palm
 2. Continue to engage and educate the government and other important stakeholders (contractors, NGOs) on RSPO and sustainable commercial agriculture.
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Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☐ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☐ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☒ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☐ Human rights issues
- ☐ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☐ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☐ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Supply issues
- ☐ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☒ Others

Others

Certification process more complex and costs in Liberia significantly higher than average because of a severe lack of local expertise including auditors. Getting auditors from overseas is not ideal because of a lack of understanding of the local context. We hope RSPO can do more to ramp up capability and capacity to assist companies towards certification

1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☐ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☒ Engagement with government agencies
- ☒ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☐ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☒ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☐ Research & Development support
- ☐ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☒ Others

Others

GVL plays an active role in the development of RSPO in Liberia, including a leading role in the development of the Liberian National Interpretation for RSPO P&Cs

1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

Available on our website: <https://goldenveroleumliberia.com/policies/>