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Dear Stakeholders,

**Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Certification Assessment of GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati and its independent outgrowers, in Mekar Jaya Village, Tabir Selatan Sub-District, Merangin District, Jambi Province, Indonesia.**

GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati has applied to TUV Rheinland Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. for assessment of one of their holdings against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria (P&C RSPO) for Group Certification, INA- National Interpretation RSPO P & C for Independent Smallholders, RSPO Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Group Certification. The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess legal, environmental, economical, safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati is an organization of independent outgrowers, held in 2009, and registered in deed of notary public named Aswanto, SH, M.Kn No. 80 dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. This organization held to create the welfare for its outgrowers and to promote sustainable palm oil in Jambi. GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati has more than 300 outgrowers in 350 Ha plantation area. GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati has also registered as RSPO member on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 with Member ID Number 1-0140-13-000-00.

**Scope of assessment:**

The RSPO certification assessment of GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati in Jambi is scheduled to commence from 18-22 November 2013. The assessment shall be carried out for GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati and palm oil plantation of its independent outgrowers. The details of the organization to be assessed are as follows:

<b>Palm Oil Plantation to be included in the main assessment*:</b>			
<b>Name of Independent Smallholders Group</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area Summary (Ha)</b>	<b>Average Annual Output of FFB (Tonnes)</b>
GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati	Mekar Jaya Village, Tabir Selatan Sub-District, Merangin District, Jambi	450	6,750

\* Data from January until December 2012. Data presented is provided by the organization and will be verified during the certification audit

**Assessment Team**

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The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati are as follows:

Lead auditor: Fadli (Environment, Safety, GAP, Social, etc...)  
 Auditors: Environment and High Conservation Value: Hendra Fachrurozy  
 Social and external Stakeholder: Irpan Kadir

**Invitation to all stakeholders:**

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on GAPOKTAN Tanjung Sehati in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria (P&C RSPO) for Group Certification, INA- National Interpretation RSPO P & C for Independent Smallholders, RSPO Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Group Certification 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 PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia, TUV Rheinland Malaysia and the RSPO Board.

**Contact details:**

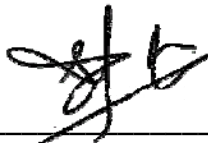
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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