

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Invitation to comment on RSPO Certification Assessment of Minamas Plantation – SIME DARBY GROUP, Indonesia (PT Bersama Sejahtera Sakti)**

Dear Stakeholders,

Sime Darby Plantation Operation in Indonesia collectively called Plantation Upstream Indonesia. PT Minamas Gemilang and PT Anugerah Sumber Makmur managed the operation in Indonesia known as Minamas Plantation.

MINAMAS Plantation has applied to Mutuagung Lestari for assessment of PT Bersama Sejahtera Sakti, located in South Kalimantan, Indonesia, against the requirement of The National Interpretation of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, Principles and Criteria (RSPO INA-NIWG, May 2008), Republic of Indonesia.

MINAMAS owned and operated 23 palm oil mills and 68 estates throughout Indonesia. The organization is a pioneer member of RSPO and has been taking an active role in the RSPO certification processes. MINAMAS Plantation is implementing programmes to achieve RSPO Certification for all operations by 31 December 2011.

Mutuagung Lestari has planned to conduct the proposed certification assessment of PT Bersama Sejahtera Sakti on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010).

Details of the plantation mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

**PT Bersama Sejahtera Sakti**

Location	GPS Reference		Total Area (ha)
	Latitude	Longitude	
District Kota Baru – South Kalimantan	3 <sup>0</sup> 25' 24" – 3 <sup>0</sup> 41' 40" S	116 <sup>0</sup> 09' 03" – 116 <sup>0</sup> 16' 59" E	12,740.54

Name of Estate	GPS Reference		Planted Area (ha)	FFB Production (tonnes/year)
	Latitude	Longitude		
Gunung Aru Estate	3 <sup>0</sup> 25' 24" – 3 <sup>0</sup> 30' 08" S	116 <sup>0</sup> 09' 11" – 116 <sup>0</sup> 12' 40" E	2,702	53,281
Gunung Kemas Estate	3 <sup>0</sup> 29' 56" – 3 <sup>0</sup> 34' 03" S	116 <sup>0</sup> 09' 03" – 116 <sup>0</sup> 12' 15" E	3,461	58,604
Laut Timur Estate	3 <sup>0</sup> 34' 03" – 3 <sup>0</sup> 37' 15" S	116 <sup>0</sup> 09' 33" – 116 <sup>0</sup> 16' 04" E	3,273	75,407
Pantai Timur Estate	3 <sup>0</sup> 36' 17" – 3 <sup>0</sup> 41' 40" S	116 <sup>0</sup> 12' 46" – 116 <sup>0</sup> 16' 59" E	3,076	53,710
<b>Total</b>			<b>12,512</b>	<b>241,002</b>

Name of Mill	Location	Capacity (tonnes/hour)	Annual Volume (tonnes)	
			CPO Output	PK Output
Gunung Aru POM	Village Betung, Subdistrict Pulau Laut Timur, District Kotabaru, Province of South Kalimantan	40	55,839.6	11,632.25

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Mutuagung Lestari is also known as Mutu Certification International (MCI) and has started certification since 1990. As a private national company and supported with highly committed professionals, Mutuagung Lestari has gained recognition nationally and internationally. In June 2003, MCI has received recognition from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery of Japan (MAFF) as an Registered Overseas Certification Body (ROCB). MCI can thus certify and mark products with Japan Agricultural Standard (JAS) in countries such as Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam, East Timor, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and China. MCI is the first ROCB in Asia. National Accreditation Body (KAN) has accredited MCI as a Quality Management System Certification Body (ISO 9001:2008) and Environmental Management System Certification Body (ISO 14001:2004). Indonesia Ecolabelling Institute (LEI) has also accredited MCI as a Sustainable Forest Management Certification Body. Since June 2008, MCI is an accredited RSPO Certification Body.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment comprise of:  
**Aryo Gustomo** as Lead Assessor (*Environmental Management System, Ecology, GAP*);  
**Hera Hendrasana** as Assessor (*Social and Workers welfare, Stakeholders relation*);  
**Taufik Margani** as Assessor (*Legal, QMS, EMS, Ecology*).

With regards to the forthcoming certification assessment at the above stated locations, PT. Mutuagung Lestari welcomes stakeholders to provide comments (if any), on any of the following matters related to the site for assessment:

- Environmental protection within the estate(s) and mill(s) including use of pesticides, waste and effluent management
- Biodiversity conservation within the estate(s) and surroundings
- Opportunities for employment
- Opportunities for earning fair wages, overtime and piece-rated work
- Opportunities for contracts and out-sourced work
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Company relationship
- Any other topic / matters relevant to the assessment

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in the certification assessment. Please include the following details in case we may need to contact you for clarification or follow-up on any issue raised by you.

NAME : .....

ADDRESS : .....

EMAIL : .....

PHONE NUMBER : .....

FAX NUMBER : .....

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentially or to remain anonymous, please mark your reply "IN CONFIDENCE".

Please direct your comments to:

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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours faithfully,



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