

30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Stakeholders,

**Public Notification on Upcoming RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of PT Perkebunan Nusantara III (Persero), Hapesong POM, Batang Toru Sub-District, Tapanuli Selatan District, North Sumatra Province, Indonesia.**

PT Perkebunan Nusantara III (Persero), Hapesong POM has applied to PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia for Initial Certification Assessment against the RSPO and Supply Chain. Initial Certification 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.

PT Perkebunan Nusantara III (Persero), Hapesong POM is a member of the RSPO (RSPO Membership Number: 1-0030-06-000-0 & Palmtrace Member ID No. : RSPO\_PO1000006264) and has been actively involved in every international conference held by the RSPO.

**Scope of assessment:**

The RSPO Initial Certification assessment of PT Perkebunan Nusantara III (Persero), Hapesong POM is scheduled to commence from **November 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 palm oil mill and 2 palm oil plantations in Tapanuli Selatan District, North Sumatra region. The details of the management units to be assessed are as follows:

<b>Scope of assessment for estates :</b>				
<b>Estate Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area</b>		<b>FFB Production (Ton)*</b>
		<b>Total (Ha)</b>	<b>Planted (Ha)</b>	
Kebun Hapesong	Desa Perkebunan Hapesong, Kec. Batang Toru, Kab. Tapanuli Selatan	4,005.01	713.40	3,743.7
Kebun Batang Toru	Desa Batang Toru, Kec. Batang Toru, Kab. Tapanuli Selatan	2,773.06	1,357.20	14,437.45
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,778.07</b>	<b>2,070.6</b>	<b>18,181.15</b>

<b>Scope of assessment for Palm Oil Mill:</b>				
<b>Palm Oil Mill Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Average Production*</b>		<b>Capacity (Ton/Hour)</b>
		<b>CPO (Ton)</b>	<b>PK (Ton)</b>	
PKS Hapesong	Desa Perkebunan Hapesong, Kec. Batang Toru, Kab. Tapanuli Selatan	2,754.76	551.88	30

**Note :** \*) period of January to December 2018

**Assessment Team**

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The assessment team assigned for the initial certification assessment of PT Perkebunan Nusantara III (Persero), Hapesong POM are as follows:

Lead auditor : Muhammad Fundy Cholis Kurniawan (HCV, Environment, Occupational Health and Safety, Good Agriculture Practices and SCCS)

Auditors: Budi Setiawan (legal compliance, land issues, management plan, training, transparency, Environmental), Harso Yuli Antena (Workers, Local communities, External stakeholder), Suriadi (environmental, quality management and OSH)

**Invitation to all stakeholders:**

As a part of the re certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on PT Perkebunan Nusantara III Kebun Hapesong POM and its supply chain in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria 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 and the RSPO Board.

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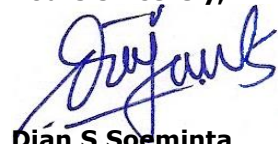
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

**Yours sincerely,**



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