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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of Sampoerna Agro Certification Unit- PT Gunung Tua Abadi, South Sumatera, Indonesia

Sampoerna Agro has commissioned TUV Rheinland Indonesia for the assessment and certification of one of their holdings in Indonesia against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria – Indonesian Generic Standard 2013. 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.

Sampoerna Agro is a diversified plantation company currently engaged in the production of Germinated Oil Palm Seed, Crude Palm Oil and Palm Kernel, and Slab Rubber. The oil palm plantation segment, which produces the Fresh Fruit Bunch (FFB) from which Crude Palm Oil (CPO) and Palm Kernel (PK) is milled, constitutes the Company's largest business line to date, encompassing oil palm estates (nucleus and plasma) across more than 100,000 hectares in South Sumatera, Central Kalimantan and West Kalimantan.

This includes engagement through a collaborative process, listening carefully to key stakeholders and addressing their concerns in its business strategies and actions.

Sampoerna Agro has been a member of RSPO since 10 January 2007 with membership no 1-0031-07-000-00 and is committed to full compliance with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria (RSPO P&C) and full certification in all aspects of its operations where it possesses a majority share (> 51%).

In line with the RSPO certification system requirement, a time-bound plan to certify all the estates and mills where Sampoerna Agro has dominant stake by the year ending 2016 has been established.

To demonstrate its commitment in achieving its timebound plan Sampoerna Agro announces PT Gunung Tua Abadi to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. Located in the province of South Sumatera, PT Gunung Tua Abadi has two estates namely Sumber Sawit Estate and Inti Permata Bunda Dua Estate with a total land holding of 6,475.71 ha, of which 5.403,43 ha has been planted. PT Gunung Tua Abadi, Sumber Sawit mill has a total milling capacity of 60 tonnes/hour.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO certification assessment of PT Gunung Tua Abadi is scheduled to commence from 9-14 November 2015. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) Palm Oil Mill and 2 (two) oil palm estates. The details of the palm oil mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

Company Estates to be included in the main assessment (period 2015)						
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Area Summary		Average annual FFB Production (tonnes/year)
		Latitude	Longitude	Total (ha)	Planted (ha)	
Sumber Sawit Estate	Village of Balian, Subdistrict of Mesuji Raya	03° 48' 24,5"	105° 10' 33,77"	5,032.00	4,190.71	64,106
Inti Permata Bunda Dua Estate	Village of Balian, Subdistrict of Mesuji Raya	03° 47' 02,6"	105° 09' 47,71"	1,443.71	1,212.72	24,160
TOTAL for estates included on certification scope				6,475.71	5,403.43	88,266
Independent Outgrowers						82,027
Total incoming FFB						170,293

Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment Period 2015						
Name of Mill	Location	GPS location		Average Annual Output		Mill Capacity (MT/hour)
		Latitude	Longitude	CPO (Tonnes)	PK (Tonnes)	
Sumber Sawit Mill	Village of Balian, Subdistrict of Mesuji Raya	03° 48' 29,44"	105° 10' 22,72"	39,731	9,587	60 ton/hour

Assessment Team:

TUV Rheinland Indonesia 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 360 locations in 62 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of PT Gunung Tua Abadi is as follows:

Lead auditor: Dian S. Soeminta (Workers Welfare, Local communities, External Stakeholder, Corporate Social Responsibility)

Auditors: Muhammad Fundy Cholis Kurniawan (Best practice, High Conservation Value, Supply Chain), Suriadi (Occupational Health and Safety, Legality), Naik Monang Parlindungan Lingga (Best Practice, Environment, Legality, Economy).

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on PT Gunung Tua Abadi in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the RSPO Generic Standard 2013 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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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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