

February 5th, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS OF PALMERAS DE LA COSTA S.A. PALM OIL MILL ACCORDING TO THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF THE RSPO PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA

PALMERAS DE LA COSTA S.A, a Colombian palm oil company, has applied to Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd to carryout certification activities in accordance with the RSPO Principle & Criteria Certification Program (RSPO P&C), RSPO SCCS of its palm oil production.

The main compliance audit against the Colombian National Interpretation of the RSPO P&C is planned to commence on **17th of March 2015** and will be completed on **21th of March 2015**.

Applicant	PALMERAS DE LA COSTA S.A.
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Brief information about Applicant	Palmeras de la Costa S.A., was founded in 1971; but in 1995 it became a joint stock company. Its objective is the production and marketing of crude palm oil, palm kernel oil, palm kernel cake and compost. Its workforce, approximately 731 workers hired directly and through outsourcing services, mostly belonging to local communities, namely, El Copey and Algarrobo. Annually has a significant resource to develop projects to increase operational efficiency, reduced environmental impact and social benefit to employees, suppliers of fruit, small producers and communities.
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Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment						
Name of Palm Oil Mill (POM)	Extraction Capacity (POM)	Location (POM)	GPS reference		Forecasted Annual output (MT)	
			Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
Palmeras de la Costa S.A.	40	Vía Ecopetrol - Km. 12, Zona Rural El Copey, Cesar	N 10°6'4.77"	W 74°0'39.36"	11,792	1,290

ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT							
Name of estate / association	Location	GPS reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)	
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature		
Palmeras de la Costa S.A.	Vía Ecopetrol - Km. 12, Zona Rural El Copey, Cesar	N 10°6'4.77"	W 74°0'39.36"	3,930	3,329.75	57,692	
Total				3,930	3,329.75	57,692	

Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is a member of the Control Union World Group - an international inspection and certification body. CUC performs assessments and certification in many agricultural based fields such as FSC, RSPO, and Organic production, Sustainable Textile Production, Organic Exchange, GLOBALGAP, HACCP, BRC, GMP and GTP. CUC is accredited by the Dutch Council of Accreditation (RVA) on the European quality standard EN 45011 for the inspection and certification of CU Organic program (according to the EU regulation 2092/91) and GLOBALGAP program and properly accredited by Accreditation Services International (ASI) to assess the RSPO certification programs under P&C and SCCS standards. When requested, a copy of the accreditation certificates can be obtained from CUC.

Stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in certification process; during which relevant national, regional as well as local stakeholders are asked to give their views and opinions as to whether the applicant's certification units comply with the requirements of the applicable National Interpretation.

We invite all stakeholders to take part in this consultation procedure as you can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. We ask you to raise any issues, both positive and negative, by sending a written response by mail, fax or by E-mail to our Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd office as indicated below.

For your guidance, you may consider the following points:

- Environmental protection.
- Biodiversity conservation.
- Opportunities for employment.
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support.
- Company approach to community development.
- Participation in decision making.
- Any other issue, both positive and negative that you consider may be of relevance to the assessment.
- Issues relating to other plantations owned by the company not included in this assessment.
- A copy of the applicable RSPO standard for the country, in which the assessment is being conducted, is available from www.rspo.org. Alternatively please ask Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd for a copy.

Please direct your comments to:

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Details on the audit team:

LEAD ASSESSOR

Mrs. Adriana Vargas La Torre (Lead Auditor)

Colombian Agronomist Engineer. Qualified lead auditor with over 8 years auditing experience for QMS and other certification programmes such as RSPO SCCS, Global Gap, UTZ certified and Organic farming. Involved in RSPO auditing since 2008. Knowledge in economics, labour and laws of Colombia. Understands and speaks fluent local language.

SUPPORTING ASSESSORS

Merclin Lopez Poveda (Auditor)

Colombian Agronomist Engineer. Qualified lead auditor with over 8 years auditing QMS and other certification programmes such as Global Gap, SA8000, Rainforest Alliance, Organic production Standards for Colombia, Europe, Japan and the United States (USDA-NOP), RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) and Bonsucro. Involved in RSPO auditing since 2011. Knowledge in economics, labour and laws of Colombia. Understands and speaks fluent local language.

Mr Oscar Lugo Ramos (Auditor)

Colombian Agronomist Engineer. Qualified lead auditor with over 8 years auditing QMS and other certification programmes as lead auditor such as Global Gap, GRASP, Organic production Standards for Colombia, Europe, Japan and the United States (USDA-NOP), RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil). Wide experience in evaluation of groups of associated smallholders under other agricultural certification programs. Involved in RSPO auditing since 2011. Knowledge in economics, labour and laws of Colombia. Understands and speaks fluent local language.

Mrs. Alejandra Rueda (Social Expert)

Colombian Economist, Master in Energy and Natural Resources. Expert in social and environmental sustainability on the agricultural sector and other sustainability standards. Great experience in the oil palm sector in Colombia and Central America. Trained in ISO9000 assessment techniques. Understands and speaks fluent local language.

Mr. Boris Villareal (Environmental Expert)

Colombian Biologist. Environmental expert in wildlife conservation, with extended research in tropical rare and endangered species as birds, reptiles, apes as well as tropical flora. He is trained in integrated quality management systems evaluations such as ISO14000, BPM among others. Understands and speaks fluent local language.

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in this Assessment. Please include the following information should we need to contact you for clarification on any issues raised:

Name : _____
Address : _____
E-Mail : _____
Phone Number : _____
Summary of Issue :

We thank you for the participation and feedback.

Yours Sincerely,



Simon Selvaraj
Program Manager,
Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd