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Dear Stakeholder,

Sir/Madam,

**Invitation to Comment on RSPO Certification Assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. – Giram Oil Mill**

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. has commissioned SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. for the assessment and certification of its certification units against National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production.

RSPO was established in 2004 with the objective of promoting the production and use of sustainable palm oil. RSPO certification will enable oil palm growers and palm oil millers to claim that their product is produced sustainably. Among the requirements to market the claim are:

- Adoption appropriate plantation and milling best practices
- Compliance with legal requirements
- Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity
- Responsible consideration of employees and of individual and communities
- Continual improvement

In ensuring that the organization seeking certification meets the above requirements, SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. would like to invite interested parties to comment on the certification assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. – Certification Unit of Giram Oil Mill.

The followings are information on Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. and SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. :

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. has applied to SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. for RSPO certification of nine out of its 59 certification units.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. owns 200 oil palm estates and 59 mills in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah & Sarawak in Malaysia and in Kalimantan, Sumatera & Sulawesi in Indonesia. Currently, Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. oversees a plantation are of 312, 795 hectares in Malaysia and 204, 505 hectares in Indonesia. Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. also purchases fresh fruit bunches from surrounding smallholders.

Apart from the estates and mills operation, Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. is also involved in the downstream activities including oil refining, production of oil and fat products, oleo-chemical and bio-diesel in fourteen countries.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. is a pioneering member of RSPO and has always shown its commitment in this field. It has and continues to actively participate in local and International conferences RT1 to RT11.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. is the oldest and leading certification, inspection and testing body in Malaysia. SIRIM QAS International provides a comprehensive range of certification,



MS ISO/IEC 17021 : 2006 QS 02121999 CB 01  
MS ISO/IEC 17021 : 2006 EMS 17122002 CB 02  
MS ISO/IEC GUIDE 65 : 2000 PC 05102004 CB 01  
MS ISO/IEC 17021 : 2006 OSH 06122005 CB 01  
MS ISO/IEC 17021 : 2006 HACCP 05052008 CB 03  
ISO/TS 22003 : 2007 FSMS 23122008 CB 01  
MS ISO/IEC 17021 : 2006 FMC 10122009 CB 02

MS ISO/IEC 17025  
CALIBRATION /TESTING  
SAMM NO. 085 SAMM NO. 086  
SAMM NO. 087 SAMM NO. 219  
SAMM NO. 231 SAMM NO. 240  
SAMM NO. 299 SAMM NO. 474  
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inspection and testing services which are carried out in accordance with internationally recognised standards. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. has considerable experience in providing quality, environmental, and occupational health and safety management system certification services to the oil palm estates, palm oil mills and other downstream activities.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. plans to carry out the recertification assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd – Giram Oil Mill starting from 25 June 2014 until 27 June 2014. Giram Oil Mill is located at Kunak Districts, Sabah, Malaysia. Details of the certification unit can be referred to **Attachment 1** as attached in Appendix.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. has appointed one lead auditor and two auditors for the the forthcoming assessments of Giram Oil Mill.

In relation to the forthcoming assessments, SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. welcomes stakeholders to comment on the following topics:

- 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 topic / matter or issue of relevance to the assessment or about the company/estates/mills or auditors

Comments received prior to the assessment will be considered. Please direct your comments to:

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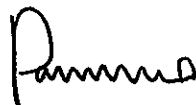
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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**APPENDIX**

**Attachment 1**

Details of Giram Oil Mill Certification Unit:

CERTIFICATION UNIT	COMMON SUPPLY BASE (2 ESTATES)			
	Palm Oil Mill / Estates	Latitude	Longitude	Description/Volume
Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. Strategic Operating unit (SOU) 29 – Giram 91207 Kunak, Sabah Malaysia Latitude : 4°35' 60" N Longitude : 118°12' E Description/volume : Average annual output CPO = 40,107.51 MT PK = 8,311.44 MT Mill capacity = 40 MT/hour	<b>Giram Estate</b> 91007 Kunak, Sabah	4°35' N	118°12' E	Total planted area of 3,904.92 ha. FFB Production = 80,174.68 MT
	<b>Mostyn Estate</b> 91007 Kunak, Sabah	4°39' N	118°07' E	Total planted area of 3,697.21 ha FFB Production = 87,199.78 MT