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Dear Stakeholder,

Sir/Madam,

Invitation to Comment on RSPO Recertification Assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. - SOU 5 Seri Intan

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 recertification assessment of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. - Certification Unit of SOU 5 Seri Intan.

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 9 out of its 59 certification units.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn. Bhd. (RSPO Membership Number: 1-0008-04-000-00) 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 area of 348,153 hectares in Malaysia and 290,320 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 relating to RSPO as evidenced by the company's participation in RT1 to RT13.



SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. is the oldest and leading certification, inspection and testing body in Malaysia. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. provides a comprehensive range of certification, 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 – SOU 5 Seri Intan starting from 19 January 2016 until 22 January 2016. Standard of RSPO Principle & Criteria MYNI, 2014 and RSPO Supply Chain, November 2014 will be used for this assessment. SOU 5 Seri Intan is located at Perak, Malaysia. Details of the certification unit can be referred to **Attachment 1** as attached in Appendix.

SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. has appointed:

Assessment Team	Role / Area of Requirement	Qualification and Experience
Khairul Najwan Ahmad Jahari	Assessment Team Leader / HCV Habitat & Ecology and Workers & Community Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 years' experience in Forest related areas as a researcher with FRIM since 2003 • Collected more than 32 man-days in auditing MC&I(2002) as forest auditor • Attended a training on RSPO P & C and certification requirements in January 2011 • Successfully passed EMS 14001: 2004 Lead Auditor Course, March 2009.
Jagathesan a/l Suppiah	Assessor / Occupational Safety & Health and Environmental issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 23 years working experience in Manufacturing concerns at various Managerial position, Managing Operation, Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs and Quality & Process Control Disciplines • Experience of carrying out audits on more than 700 companies around Malaysia for the past 15 years for various schemes i.e. ISO 9000, ISO 13485, ISO 14000, OSHAS 18000 and GMP/FDA regulations • Successfully completed Lead Assessor training for ISO 9001, ISO 14000, OSHAS 18001, ISO 13485 and RSPO • Bachelor of Chemical Science (Hons)
Selvasingam T. Kandiah	Assessor / Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected 46 days of RSPO audit. • B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture - University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal, Bangalore, India (1969-1973). • A Planter with Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad (1995-2002 – retired) inclusive of one year in Liberia and 2 years in Estate Department in Guthrie Group Berhad (HQ). • Experience in Managing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery : Rubber and Cocoa Immature Area : Cocoa Replant, Rubber Replant, Oil Palm Replant & Oil Palm New Clearing Area: Cocoa, Rubber & Oil Palm.
Zulkarnain Abdullah	Assessor / Supply Chain (SC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected more than 160 auditor days in auditing various schemes i.e. OHSAS 18 001, RSPO P&C, RSPO SCCS and CoC. • Successfully completed Lead Assessor course

		for ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. • Successfully completed the training on RSPO Supply Chain Certification System & Standards. • B.Sc. Forestry (Hons) - University Pertanian Malaysia.
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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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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX

Attachment 1

Details of SOU 5 Seri Intan Certification Unit:

PALM OIL MILL (POM) FOR THIS ASSESSMENT						
Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity	Location	GPS Reference		Estimated / Forecasted Annual Output (MT)	
(POM)	(Tonnes/hr)	Address	Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
Seri Intan Palm Oil Mill	60	Seri Intan Palm Oil Mill, Bt 5, Jalan Maharaja Lela, 36009 Teluk Intan, Perak	100°59'8.01"E	3°58'9.22"N	55,300.20	14,802.89
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 Certified FFB Production (MT)
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature	
Seri Intan Estate (Main Division)	Seri Intan Estate, 36009 Teluk Intan, Perak	100°58'48.51"E	3°58'13.34"N	2,960.40	2,387.10	63,305.00
Sabrang Estate	Sabrang Estate, 36009 Teluk Intan, Perak	100°58'26.02"E	3°58'35.70N	3,844.22	3,143.47	94,812.00

Sungai Wangi Estate	Ladang Sungei Wangi, 32000 Sitiawan, Perak	100°42'50.6"E	4°14'33.2"N	2,258.99	1,474.57	30,680.00
Sogomana Estate (Main Division)	Ladang Sogomana, 32500, Changkat, Kruing, Perak	100°7'E	4°4'N	1,121.96	944.90	25,900.00
Total				10,185.57	7,950.04	214,697.00