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Dear Stakeholder,

Sir/Madam,

**Invitation to Comment on RSPO Certification Assessment of IOI Group: Perusahaan Mekassar (M) Sdn Bhd – IOI Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill**

IOI Group 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 Perusahaan Mekassar (M) Sdn Bhd – IOI Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill.

The followings are information on IOI Group and SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.:

IOI Group (Membership No. : 2-0002-04-000-00) has applied to SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. for RSPO certification of 1 out of its 14 certification units. IOI Group owns and operates 104 oil palm plantations totaling 187,097 hectares with a planted area of 176,237 hectares and ten (10) palm oil mills in East Malaysia.

Apart from the estates and mills operation, IOI Group is also involved in the downstream activities including palm oil refining, production of refined palm oil, fats and specialty fat products and oleochemical.

IOI Group is an active member of RSPO and has always shown its commitment in this field especially representation on the RSPO Board of Governors. It has and continues to actively participate in local and International conferences RT1 to RT12 and RSPO P&C MYNI Working Group.

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 Perusahaan Mekassar (M) Sdn Bhd – IOI Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill starting from **24 August 2015 until 28 August 2015**. Standard of RSPO Principle & Criteria MYNI, 2014 and RSPO Supply Chain, 2014 will be used for this assessment. Perusahaan Mekassar (M) Sdn Bhd – IOI Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill is located at Muadzam Shah, Pahang, 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
Mohd Hafiz Mat Hussain	Assessment Team Leader / Occupational Safety & Health and Environmental issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected more than 100 auditor days in auditing various schemes i.e. ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001, RSPO P&amp;C and MSPO</li> <li>Four years' experience in Oil Palm Plantation management.</li> <li>Successfully completed and passed the RSPO Lead Assessor Course – 2014.</li> <li>Successfully completed Lead Assessor course for ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001</li> <li>B. Sc. (Hons) Plantation Management and Technology</li> </ul>
Valence Shem	Assessor / HCV Habitat & Ecology and Workers & Community Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected more than 250 auditor days in auditing ISO 14001 and RSPO</li> <li>Nine years' experience in Oil Palm Plantation management</li> <li>Successfully completed IEMA accredited Lead Assessor training for ISO 14001: 2004</li> <li>B.Tech. (Hons) Industrial Technology</li> <li>Successfully completed and passed the RSPO Lead Assessor Course – 2011.</li> </ul>
Selvasingam T. Kandiah	Assessor / Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected 46 days of RSPO audit.</li> <li>Completed RSPO Training - 2012.</li> <li>Attended RSPO workshop – 2013.</li> <li>B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture – University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal, Bangalore, India (1969-1973).</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>
Zulkarnain Abdullah	Assessor / Supply Chain (SC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected more than 160 auditor days in auditing various schemes i.e. OHSAS 18 001, RSPO P&amp;C.</li> <li>Successfully completed Lead Assessor course for ISO 9001, QMS 9001 and ISO 14001.</li> <li>Successfully completed the training on RSPO Supply Chain Certification System &amp; Standards.</li> <li>B.Sc. Forestry (Hons) - University Pertanian Malaysia.</li> </ul>



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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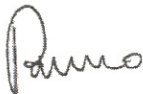
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We thank you for your comments and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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**APPENDIX**

**Attachment 1**

Details of Perusahaan Mekassar (M) Sdn Bhd – IOI Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill:

<b>PALM OIL MILL (POM) FOR THIS ASSESSMENT</b>									
Name of Palm Oil Mill (POM)	Mill Capacity (MT/Hr)	Location Address	GPS Reference		Forecasted Annual Output (MT)				
			Longitude	Latitude					
Bukit Leelau Palm Oil Mill	30	KM 75, Kuantan-Segamat Highway, 26700 Muadzam Shah, Pahang Malaysia	103° 08' 24" E	03° 18' 00" N	CPO 30, 417 7, 971				
<b>ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT</b>									
Name of Estate / Association	Location Address	GPS Reference Longitude	GPS Reference Latitude	Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)			
				Total	Mature				
<b>Bukit Leelau Estate</b>	KM 75, Kuantan-Segamat Highway, 26700 Muadzam Shah, Pahang	103° 07' 48" E	03° 18' 00" N	1,976	1,976	31,230			
<b>Merchong Estate</b>	23 Miles, Jalan Bukit Ibam-Rompin, 26700 Muadzam Shah, Pahang	103° 12' 00" E	03° 01' 12" N	1,793	1,780	50,570			
<b>Mekassar Estate</b>	24 Miles, Jalan Bukit Ibam-Rompin, 26700 Muadzam Shah, Pahang	103° 10' 12" E	02° 59' 24" N	1,132	1,132	30,460			

<b>Detas Estate</b>	KM 132, Kuantan-Segamat Highway, 26330 Gambang, Pahang	103° 03' 00" E	03° 33' 00" N	2,177	1,435	27,230
<b>Manna Enterprise</b>	KM 75, Kuantan-Segamat Highway, 26700 Muadzam Shah, Pahang	103° 07.797' E	03° 18.667' N	60.56	60.56	360
<b>Ladang Hj Harun Estate</b>	KM 75, Kuantan-Pahang Highway, Muadzam Shah, Pahang	103° 07.945' E	03° 18.841' N	60.88	60.88	Nil
<b>Total</b>				7,199.44	6,444.44	139,850