RSPO NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NEW PLANTING

This notification shall be on the RSPO website for 30 days as required by the RSPO procedures for new plantings (http://www.rspo.org/?q=page/535). It has also been posted on local on-site notice boards.

Date of notification: 7th December 2012

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COMPANY: NBPOL

SUBSIDIARY: HOP (HIGATURU OIL PALM)

RSPO Membership No.: 1-0016-04-000-00 (O)
Location of proposed new planting: See attached Maps

Map 1 Locality of HOP Expansion areas
SUMMARY FROM SEI ASSESSMENTS:

HOP prepared an SIA for the development in addition to the Environmental Plan. They have also completed a Social and Environmental Impact Assessment for these developments to comply with RSPO P&C. The SIA included consultation with local stakeholders and included reports of the outcomes of these meetings.

The SIA identified all major impacts of all activities. These included impacts of roads and other infrastructure.
SUMMARY FROM HCV ASSESSMENT(S):

An assessment of HCV’s has been completed in relation to the new developments and which areas could be negatively affected. There is also an assessment of the local and adjacent natural ecosystems. All watercourses have been identified and including recommendations of measures to be taken to maintain the quality of these water resources including the maintaining of riparian – buffer zones alongside all water courses.

Lewie Decker from the RSPO Register of HCV assessors have carried out an assessment of the presence of HCVs within each Expansion and adjacent to the new concessions. The ecologists used the Toolkit for Identification of High Conservation Value in PNG and prepared a report on their findings.

SUMMARY OF PLANs:

A number of conclusions were made as a result of the SIA as well as recommendations which are reviewed and accepted by HOP.

SEIA and HCV forest evaluations have been completed prior to any development and in particular SIA was conducted for each area to determine the needs and expectations of the effected stakeholders.

VERIFICATION STATEMENT:

The assessment and plan are comprehensive, professional and compliant of RSPO principles, criteria and indicators.

Signed for on behalf of

BSi Group Singapore Pte Ltd
Mr Allan Thomas

Lead Auditor

Date: 2.8.12