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PRESS RELEASE

Jakarta, 21 November 2013 - PT BUMITAMA GUNAJAYA AGRO CLARIFIES ON SUSTAINABILITY

In view of the recent negative campaigns in the media against PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro (BGA), which is a subsidiary of Bumitama Agri Ltd. (BAL) (jointly known as "the Group"), the Group finds it necessary to clarify the issues objectively.

There were four complaints directed to the RSPO Complaints Panel. One is about a legal case (PT Hatiprima Agro) and three others are about orang-utans and deforestation (PT Ladang Sawit Mas, PT Nabatindo Karya Utama and PT Andalan Sukses Makmur).

After conducting its own investigation, the Group noted that there were compliance gaps found in its adherence to the strict RSPO Principles and Criteria, mainly in the New Planting Procedures. The Group had started activities before complying with the procedures required under the RSPO Principles and Criteria. Notwithstanding the non-compliance, the Group did not destroy the forest or kill any orang-utans. It also did not plant in Tanjung Puting National Park as alleged.

The Group has taken immediate remedial actions to stop all planting activities in the three companies mentioned above and will appoint an independent third party to audit the planting areas under the three companies. The Group has also signed an MOU with Tanjung Puting National Park to rehabilitate some parts of the forest and plant fruit trees as food for the orang-utans.

The Group is also working closely with RSPO with the intention of full compliance with the RSPO Principles and Criteria. The Group would like to assure all its stakeholders that BAL has always observed its standard of sustainability for the community and environment. The Group is and remains committed to RSPO Sustainability.

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