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Bumitama Celebrates the Month of Planting Trees With the Bulian Initiative



Jakarta, 30 December 2021 – In line with President Joko Widodo’s “One Man One Tree” initiative and Bumitama’s sustainability plan for 2021, the Company launched the “Bulian Project”, initiating tree planting simultaneously across nine main management regions in all three provinces of our operations (Riau, Central and West Kalimantan) during the month of December 2021.

Bumitama kicked off this Bumitama Peduli Lingkungan Project (or known as “Bulian”, which is also the local name for the Ulin tree) with a planting ceremony on 27 November in attendance of the Company management, employees, and the local and regional government representatives. Throughout the month other groups and teams have joined the project, including our social forestry programme partners from the villages of Sungai Melayu and Simpang Tiga Sembelangaan, NGOs, local communities, students of our schools and their teachers.





To invite wide stakeholder participation, Bumitama provided the local communities with appropriate equipment and infrastructure assistance, such as seedlings from our nurseries and hydraulic pumps for irrigation. The indigenous trees used in the planting were either locally sourced or from our plantation’s nurseries and carefully selected to replicate the local forest structure, alongside with other economically valuable trees such as crystal guava, avocado, jengkol, musangking durian, coffee and cocoa to diversify the food and income sources of the local communities.





The programme has gained admiration from various stakeholder groups. The Head of the South Ketapang Forest Management Unit (KPH), Basuki Rahmat, expressed his gratitude for the Company's commitment to the social forestry joint management project, especially in the Ketapang region. He hopes that Bumitama will continue to support communities surrounding its plantations and become a role model for other companies across Indonesia. The Village Head of Sungai Melayu was quoted saying; "We hope that through the spirit of *gotong royong* all parties can be involved and play an active role as the success or failure of our programme depends on our collective will. We hope that we can contribute to the welfare of the Sungai Melayu community and the wellbeing of the Indonesian nation."



The initiative was also joined by our partners from Earthqualizer, who have been active in the social forestry programme from its beginning, supporting the permit application process with the KLHK and other government representatives. Bumitama and its partners are committed to continue providing the involved local communities assistance in fulfilling the goals set out in their social forestry plans. We are positive that together we will be able to restore the areas' natural functions and improve the resilience of the local communities through various sustainable agro-forestry programmes.



Across December, a total of 117,338 trees have been planted on an area of 357 hectares. With the positive response from all involved, we want this to become a tradition that will keep improving, drawing in larger crowds and planting more trees year by year.

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