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BUMITAMA CLARIFIES ON CANAL MAINTENANCE IN PT DAS

Jakarta, 9 September 2025 – Bumitama would like to take the opportunity to clarify recent observations concerning a canal at PT Damai Agro Sejahtera (DAS). This clarification is provided as a follow-up to our statement on new planting in PT DAS published on our website on 8 August 2025.

In 2024 the operational team conducted routine canal maintenance (*cuci parit*) using an excavator to remove sediment and bank overgrowth to facilitate temporary water extraction from an adjacent plantation block. This maintenance was not a development or an expansion activity. The canal remained in its original length and width throughout the work. The intervention was limited to clearing accumulated material and soft vegetation only. The accompanying satellite and ground photographs are provided to document the maintenance and the canal's unchanged dimensions.

Satellite Image 2018	Satellite Image August 2024	Satellite Image July 2025
		

Immediately after clearing, the absence of overgrowth on the canal banks can make the open-water signature appear wider. As vegetation naturally re-establishes, the visual width returns to its prior appearance. As shown in the images above (pre-maintenance 2018, post-maintenance 2024, and 2025), the current view of the canal is consistent with its condition before the cleaning.



For reference, we have included recent ground photographs that document the canal's current condition. The canal has no physical connection to any natural waterway, it is hydrologically isolated and therefore cannot function as a peat-drainage conduit.

These activities are in full compliance with Bumitama's NDPE commitments on peat protection and responsible water management. We will continue to communicate transparently and substantiate our statements with clear and verifiable evidence.

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