

Particulars**About Your Organisation****Organisation Name**

Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL)

Corporate Website Address<http://www.goldenveroleumliberia.com>**Primary Activity or Product**

- Oil Palm Growers

Related Company(ies)

Yes

Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member	Plantation?	Files	
				GHG Report	Map file
Golden Agri Resources	o Oil Palm Growers	Yes		-	-

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
1-0102-11-000-00	Ordinary	Oil Palm Growers

Oil Palm Growers

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activities as a palm oil grower

- Palm oil grower & miller

Operations and Certification Progress

Operations and Certification Progress (for oil palm growers)

2.1 Total landbank available

2.1.1 Total landbank licensed / owned

220,000.00 ha

2.1.2 Total landbank for palm oil cultivation

220,000.00 ha

2.1.3 Total land managed for conservation that is set aside including HCV area

4,701.00 ha

2.2 About your estate operations

2.2.1 Mature area

0.00 ha

2.2.2 Immature area

12,269.00 ha

2.2.3 Total area of estate plantations - planted

12,269.00 ha

2.3 Certification:

2.3.1 Area certified

0.00 ha

2.3.2 Number of estates/Management Units

6 unit(s)

2.3.3 Number of estates/Management Units certified

0 unit(s)

2.4 Total annual production (tonnes)

2.4.1 Total annual Crude Palm Oil production

- Tonnes

2.4.2 Total annual Palm Kernel production

- Tonnes

2.4.3 Total annual Palm Kernel Oil production

- Tonnes

2.4.4 Total annual FFB processing

- Tonnes

2.5 In which countries are your estates?

2.5.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)

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2.5.2 Malaysia - please indicate which state(s)

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2.5.3 Other - please indicate which country(ies)

- Liberia

2.6 New plantings and developments:**2.6.1 Area planted in this reporting period**

4,684.00 ha

2.6.2 Have New Planting Procedures notifications been submitted to the RSPO for plantings this year?

No

2.7 Smallholder Operations**2.7.1 Do you have smallholders as part of your supply base?**

No

2.8 Third party Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) sourcing**2.8.1 Do you source for FFB from third parties i.e. FFB that is not sourced from your own plantation(s), scheme smallholders or contracted outgrowers?**

No

2.9 Fresh Fruit Bunches processing operations**2.9.1 Number of Palm Oil Mills operated**

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2.9.2 Number of Palm Oil Mills certified

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2.9.3 Number of Palm Kernel crushers operated

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2.9.4 Number of Palm Kernel crushers certified

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Supply Chain Used**3.1 Which supply chain options do you sell RSPO-certified palm oil products through?**

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Time-Bound Plan**4.1 Date of first RSPO group certification (planned or achieved)**

2018

Comment:

GVL is a new company and the first mill is expected to be fully operational in 2016/2017. Certification is planned one year after that, together with the supply base.

4.2 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of groups

2018

Comment:

GVL is a new company and the first mill is expected to be fully operational in 2016/2017. Certification is planned one year after that, together with the supply base. GVL expects to certify new mills as they come online and keep the supplying plantation base certified. In this way, GVL plans to be 100% certified.

4.3 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

- Liberia

4.4 Timebound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of associated smallholders and outgrowers**4.5 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies**

1. All planned developments subject to RSPO NPP processes. 100% compliance to date. 2. Compliance to RSPO P&Cs for all plantings, including pre-development work eg FPIC, EIA, HCVA. 3. High Carbon Stock conservation as member of the HCSA. 4. Continuous training of GVL staff and relevant contractors/partners on RSPO compliance.

4.6 Time-Bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of independently sourced FFB

2018

Comment:

At this present moment, the planned mills will be processing FFP sourced from company plantations. GVL intention is to source only from RSPO-certified supply base including smallholders and currently exploring ways to assist smallholder farms to achieve certification either jointly or separately from GVL farms.

Concession Map**5.1 With regards to the GA resolution 6g that call for map submission by ACOP 2014 deadline. Please upload your estate location concession maps in KML or SHP format here: (RSPO General Assembly resolution 6g calling for map submissions by ACOP 2014 deadline)**

Uploaded files:

- [gvl_acop_report_end_of_dec_2015.zip](#)

5.2 Map data declaration

I hereby declare that map data submission represents 100% of an oil palm growers' concession sites (both RSPO certified and uncertified)

Comment:

Maps refer to areas which GVL has secured agreements with communities for the development of oil palm. The area of interest contained in the concession agreement with the Government of Liberia is larger than the declared area as GVL does not have the automatic right to develop these areas without the necessary agreements from the communities and/or owners of the land.

GHG Emissions**6.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG emissions?**

No **6.1.1 When do you plan to start assessing your operational GHG emissions in line with the requirements of C5.6?**
2017

6.2 What is your operational GHG emission value (tCO₂e/tCPO)? (refer to P&C C5.6)

0.00

6.3 What is the projected GHG emission associated with your new plantation development(s) (tCO2e)? (refer to P&C C7.8)

0.00

Actions for Next Reporting Period**7.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to advance your plans for certification**

Continue to comply to RSPO requirements for new developments e.g. NPP. Continue to comply to RSPO P&C for all pre-development activities e.g. FPIC, EIA, HCVA. Explore community oil palm / smallholder models with RSPO certification in mind. Construction of first mill to take into consideration RSPO certification requirements.

7.2 Outline actions that you will take to promote CSPO along the supply chain

Encourage and assist community oil palm growers/smallholders in sustainable farming methods with certification as one goal. Continue to educate government and other important stakeholders (contractors, NGOs) on RSPO and sustainable commercial agriculture.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**8.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why**

Other:

In Section 2 the term "land bank" denotes net land area hectareage for which the government of Liberia has granted to GVL such relevant rights as the government holds. Additionally, Liberian communities hold tribal, deeded, customary or other rights to lands. Such lands will only be included in GVL's net concession and planted lands upon legally binding FPIC-based agreements/MOUs reached between the right holding communities and GVL. The area set aside for conservation is with reference to estates already planted and not the total land bank. Similarly in Section 5, the submitted maps are for areas where agreements/MOUs already exist. GVL plantations are not mature and there are no mills in operation as yet so there are no production numbers reported..

Conflict and Complaints Mechanism**9.1 Has your Group put in place any mechanism to resolve any conflict?**

Uploaded files:

- [20130416_gvl_grievance_management_sop_draft_0.pdf](#)

Please indicate when the procedures would be set up and put in place.

Grievance procedures are published on GVL website. These procedures are also made known to communities where GVL operates or intends to operate and also NGOs which are assisting the communities.

9.2 Has your Group any ongoing land conflict?

No

Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Limited and diverse understanding and opinion amongst stakeholders of oil palm cultivation of role of growers, RSPO role and procedures, communities structure and opinions, concession agreements, FPIC process, and local conditions. RSPO procedures in case of Liberia are slow due to RSPO's lack of presence in Africa and communication challenges to Africa, and such as lack of approved African HCV assessors. Lack of common understanding and agreed interpretation of FPIC guidelines cause significant uncertainty. - GVL has developed extensive set of information materials and conducts education and information efforts amongst communities, Government, NGO's and other stakeholders. GVL takes active role in RSPO dialogue and encourages direct engagement with all stakeholders where there are issues.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

No

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

1. Full support of RSPO P&Cs and process in the belief that this is currently the best chance to make the palm oil industry a responsible and sustainable one. 2. Help to create awareness among Liberian NGOs, government and community on the role and function of RSPO.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

NA
