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Dear Stakeholders,

Public Notification on upcoming RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of N.Y.Hiew (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. – Pinangah Palm Oil Mill, Sempoerna, Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia.

N.Y.Hiew (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. (RSPO member no. 1-0198-16-000-00) has commissioned TUV Rheinland Malaysia (auditing office of accredited RSPO Certification Body, PT TUV Rheinland Indonesia) for the initial certification assessment of one of their holdings in Sempoerna, Sabah, Malaysia and will be assessed against the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil Principles and Criteria – Malaysian National Interpretation (MY-NI). The assessment shall be carried out by a qualified team of auditors to assess the legal, environmental, economic, health & safety and social aspects as covered by the RSPO P&C.

N.Y.Hiew (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. owns 2 (two) palm oil mills and 5 (five) estates around the Sempoerna and Kunak region in Sabah.

N.Y.Hiew (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. announces that their subsidiary, Pinangah Palm Oil Mill to be assessed against the global RSPO standards framework. The group of estates is located at Sempoerna, Sabah, Malaysia and consists of one mill with a capacity of 30 MT/hour and average annual output of 34,000 tonnes CPO. Fresh fruit bunches (FFB) to Pinangah Palm Oil Mill is supplied by 2 company owned estates covering a land area of 457.64 ha* and 140 independent smallholders. The smallholders will not come under the scope of the initial certification assessment. The time bound plan for certification of the smallholders will be checked and verified during the certification assessment.

Scope of assessment:

The RSPO initial certification assessment of Pinangah Palm Oil Mill and its supply base is scheduled to commence from 12 – 15 March 2018. The assessment shall be carried out for 1 (one) palm oil mill and 2 (two) company-owned estates. The details of the oil palm mill and estates to be assessed are as follows:

Palm Oil Mills to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of Mill	Location	GPS location		Average Annual Output		Mill Capacity (MT/hour)
		Latitude	Longitude	CPO (Tonnes)	PK (Tonnes)	
Pinangah Palm Oil Mill	KM 8.8, Sempoerna-Kunak Highway, off km 15, SPN-TWU Highway, Sempoerna, Tawau.	4.490444	118.437306	34,211.78	8107.419	30

Company Estates to be included in the main assessment*						
Name of estate	Location of estate	GPS locations		Area Summary		Average annual FFB Production (tonnes/year)
		Latitude	Longitude	Total (ha)	Planted (ha)	
Sapang Estate	Sempoerna-Kunak Highway, off km 15, SPN-TWU Highway, Sempoerna, Tawau.	4.624388	118.3209	403.10	400.93	9,072.29
Pinangah Estate	KM 8.8, Sempoerna-Kunak Highway, off km 15, SPN-TWU Highway, Sempoerna, Tawau.	4.490436	118.43732	54.54	31.41	575.23
TOTAL				457.64	422.63	9,647.52

* All data is provided by the organization undergoing assessment and will be verified during the on-site assessment.

Assessment Team

TUV Rheinland Malaysia is member of Group TÜV Rheinland Group, a global leader in independent testing and assessment services. Established in 1872, TÜV Rheinland Group has over 130 years of experience in providing various types of certifications as well as technical services for over 500 locations in 65 countries worldwide.

The assessment team assigned for the certification assessment of Pinangah Palm Oil Mill is as follows:

Lead auditor: Carol Ng Siew Theng (Legal, Local Communities, External Stakeholders, Social & Workers Welfare)

Auditors: Viknesvaran Paramasivan (Good Agricultural Practices, Financial Viability, HCV, OSH and Legal), Azizan Zakaria (Environment, GHG and Legal), and Yusof Nizar (OSH, Legal, Training)

Invitation to all stakeholders:

As a part of the certification assessment procedure we invite stakeholders to offer comments and feedback (if any) on N.Y.Hiew (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. – Pinangah Palm Oil Mill in relation to the relevant RSPO Principles and Criteria as per the Malaysian National Interpretation (RSPO MY-NI) on any of the following issues:

- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunities for employment, earning fair wages, overtime and piece-rated work
- Company approach to community development
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support
- Community development
- Land acquisition process
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Other matters pertaining to RSPO

Your comments or observations can be communicated to us through either a meeting with assessment team member during the fieldwork or submitting written comments by email, fax or regular mail to contact details below. Comments submitted within 30 days from the date of this notification shall be considered during the certification assessment. However, your input will be welcome at any stage of the assessment process. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and made available to only TUV Rheinland Malaysia and the RSPO Board.

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Best Regards,



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