




New Planting Procedure – Notification Statement

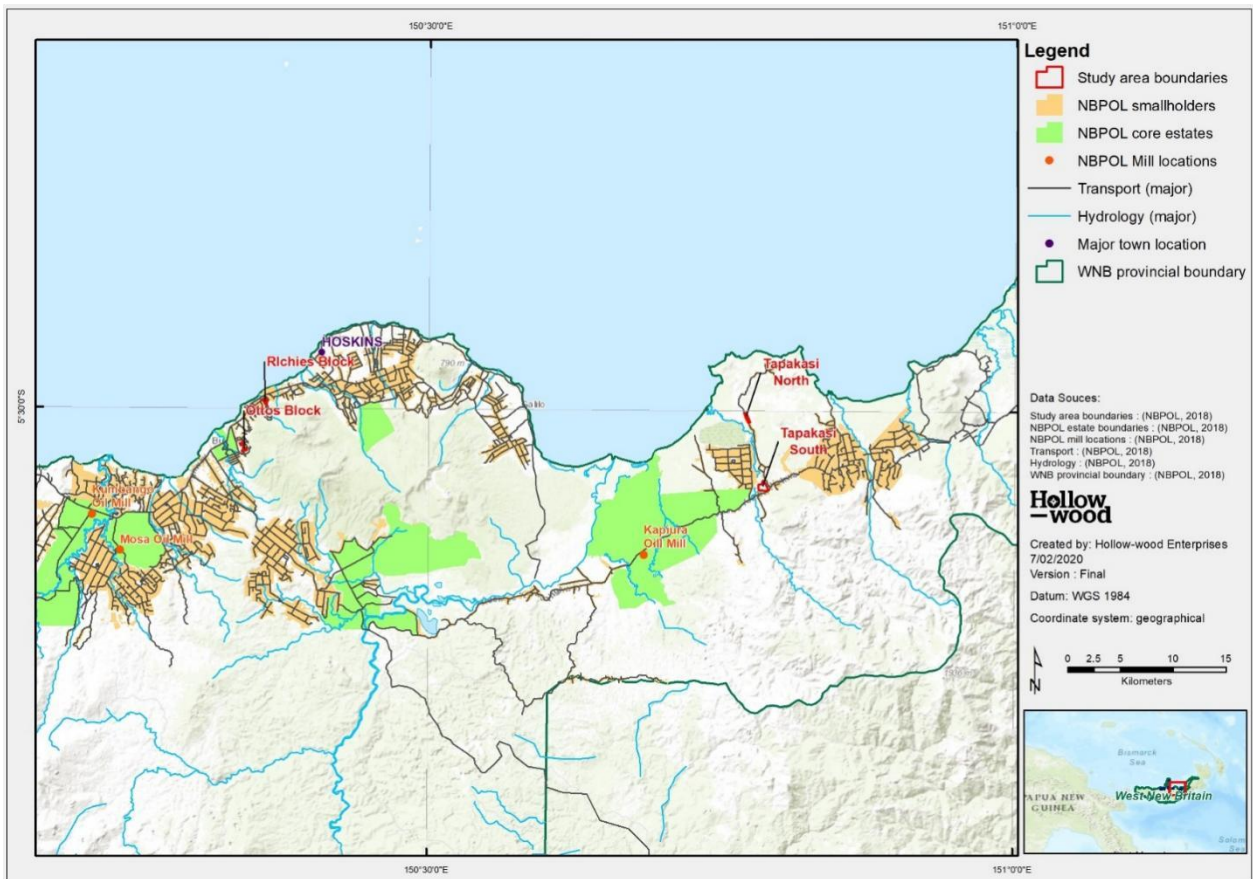
 RSPO Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil	 New Britain Palm Oil Limited <small>A Sime Darby Plantation Company</small>	 CONTROLUNION
NPP Reference Number	CU-890216-NPP	
Country of the NPP Submission:	Papua New Guinea	
RSPO Membership Number	1-0008-04-000-00	
Name of Subsidiary (if any):	New Britain Palm Oil Ltd	
Name of Management Unit:	NBPOL – West New Britain	
Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan:	Balave North, Balave South, Kandoka, Kintakiu, Linga Linga, Ottos Block, Ritchies Block Tapakasi North and Tapakasi South were subsequently excluded.	
Location of NPP area:	Papua New Guinea, West New Britain	
Address of NPP area:	New Britain Palm Oil Limited, P O Kimbe, West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea	
Business/operation Permit Reference Number and Issuing Authority:	Certificate of Incorporation No : 1-1874 Papua New Guinea; Registrar of Company	
Size information (ha)	a) Total area as per permit:	2430.18
	b) Area for new planting:	967.86
	c) HCV area (if any):	1124.29
	d) HCS forest (if any):	1138.87
	e) Peatland (if any):	0
	f) Steep terrain (if any): Is classified as buffer as well.	475.94
	g) Riparian buffer (if any): Is classified as buffer as well.	475.94
	h) Marginal and fragile soil (if any):	0
Projected GHG emissions	1581 tCO ₂ e	

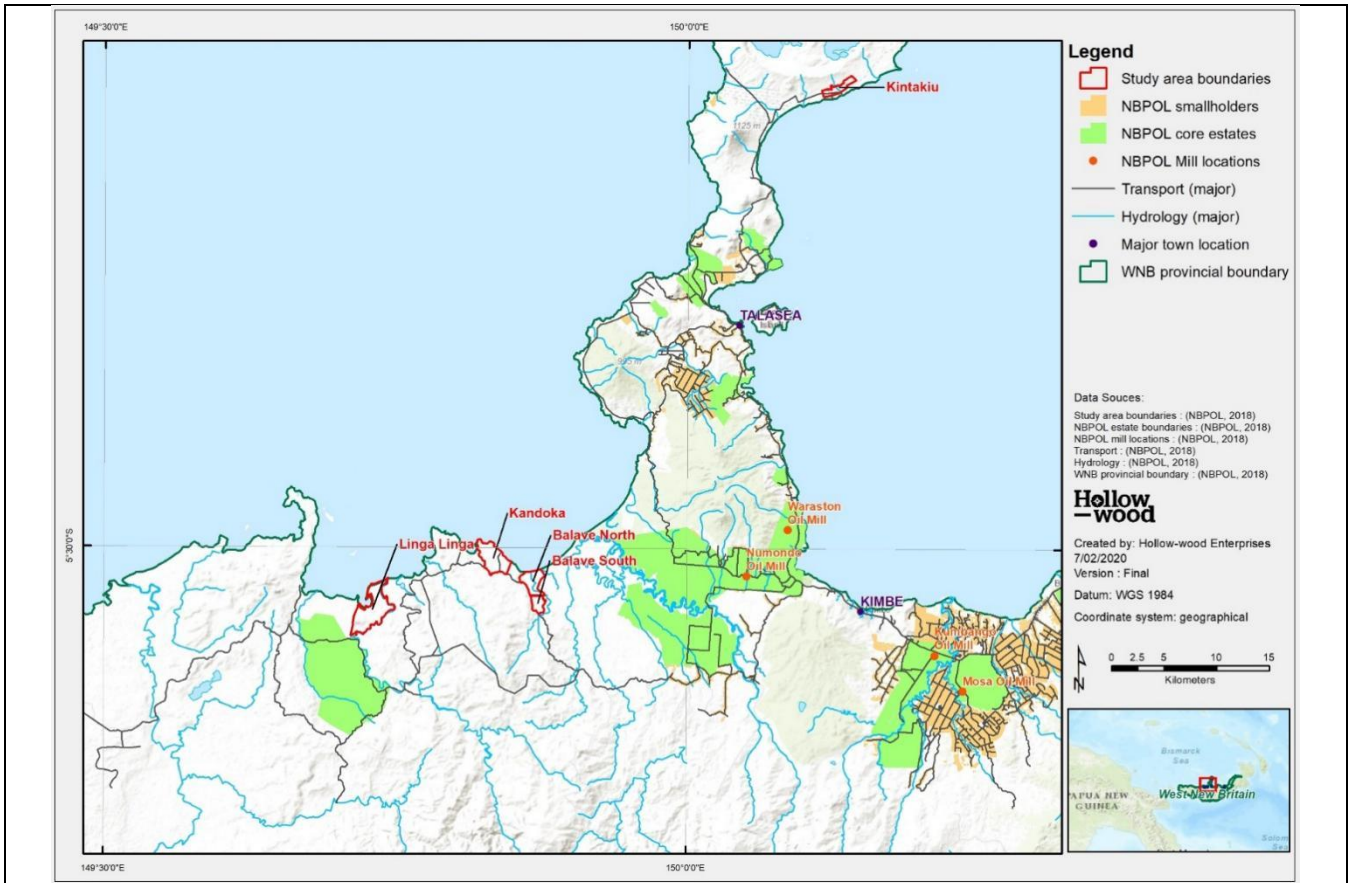
Geospatial Coordinates

1. Kandoka: $-5^{\circ} 30' 31.43''$ / $149^{\circ} 50' 2.4''$
2. Lingalinga: $-5^{\circ} 33' 9.72''$ / $149^{\circ} 43' 48''$
3. Balave south: $-5^{\circ} 32' 57.66''$ / $149^{\circ} 52' 19.2''$
4. Balave north: $-5^{\circ} 31' 44.72''$ / $149^{\circ} 52' 4.8''$
5. Kintakiu: $-5^{\circ} 6' 11.56''$ / $150^{\circ} 7' 40.8''$
6. Ritchie's block: $-5^{\circ} 29' 39.44''$ / $150^{\circ} 21' 36''$
7. Otto's block: $-5^{\circ} 32' 0.13''$ / $150^{\circ} 20' 31.2''$

Boundary Maps

(Note: must be at least 300 dpi. Include clear relevant legends, title, scale)





Areas and proposed time for new planting

Location	Proposed Time Plan for Development		Approx. size of clearing
	Month	Year	
Tapakasi North	Jan	2024 (subsequently excluded)	2.03
Tapakasi South	Jan	2024 (subsequently excluded)	14.67
Linga Linga	Jan	2024	324.25
Kintakiu	Jan	2024	120
Balave North	Jan	2024	56.18
Balave South	Jan	2024	88.69

Kandoka	Jan	2024	350.53
Richard's Block	Jan	2024	15.32
Otto's Block	Jan	2024	12.89
TOTAL			984.56*

*Tapakasi North and Tapakasi South is removed from the proposed NPP since both areas are within an existing certified area. Both Tapakasi North and South are mentioned in this NPP as per company's initiative to be transparent on its land development. Therefore, total proposed land development area that is undergoing the RSPO NPP process is **967.86Ha** (After deducting both Tapakasi North and South's proposed land development which is already within a certified area, where RSPO NPP process is not required).

Note: Please add rows if there are more locations planned. This section is an indicative plan by RSPO members on the land clearing that will be conducted. This information is also useful for growers to monitor their own progress and to plan for their Time-bound Plan for certification.

Summary of the NPP Verification by CB

NBPOL, Sime Darby proposed to conduct new planting in area which is located outside its certified area at **967.86** ha as per breakdown:

Site name	Land tenure	Assessment Area (ha)	Proposed NPP	Coordinates of the centre of the site (decimal degrees)
Tapakasi North	Customary	19.78	0.00	150.7714, -5.505925
Tapakasi South	Customary	54.90	0.00	150.7854, -5.564489
Lingalinga	Freehold	957.96	324.25	149.7302, -5.552698
Kintakiu	Customary	211.55	120.00	150.128, -5.103213
Balave North	Customary	363.28	56.18	149.8677, -5.529088
Balave South	Customary	176.01	88.69	149.8725, -5.549349
Kandoka	Customary	618.49	350.53	149.8339, -5.508725
Richard's Block	State Lease (Land Settle Scheme Block)	12.89	12.89	150.3599, -5.494289
Otto's Block	Customary (socialised through a CLUA)	15.32	15.32	150.3418, -5.53337
		2,430.18	967.86	

All required assessment as per NPP 2021 guideline has been conducted and verified by auditors via site verification and stakeholders' consultation. Positive feedback from the community involved since they were expecting and awaiting the oil palm planting to commenced back in 2016.

The verification checklist was detailed out in - RSPO NPP 2021 PNG & SOLOMON ISLAND Checklist for NPP Verification WNB/Kimbe 2022. The desk review was conducted on the 17/08/2022 - 18/08/2022 and onsite verification conducted from the 22/08/22 - 29/08/22.

However, during verification, there are clarifications and justification were needed by the auditors, in order to ensure compliance during verification. Thus, some points were highlighted, and the company is required to

provide closures on issues raised by the auditors. The issues raised based on the P7 requirement for NPP. (Details can be referred to the NPP verification findings form)

Issues during verification

1. The company legal register was updated in 2021, there is no information on the type of the legal documents (permit or license) and its validity. The description for column evidence were too general and referring to other sets of documents.

All legal documents (permit & license) and its validity for (all requirement/ act & regulations) have been submitted an verified. It is found that all permit and licenses has been updated.

2.

Site	Findings
Kintakiu	There is no physical boundary markers sighted. Sample points; 645, 646, 647 and 648. There was no demarcation on the parameter of the concession area. There was no demarcation between the HCVHCS and the proposed development area. Sighted a group villagers’ youth with the chopped woods within the HCS area adjacent to point 647. The sign of chopping activities was sighted within the area.
Balave	There are no physical boundary markers sighted.
Kondoka	There are no physical boundary markers sighted. HCV 5 – spring is to be demarcated
Linga- Linga	There are no physical boundary markers sighted. Gardening activities sighted within the buffer zone – riverbanks Villagers shifted from the enclave to the sand banks
Ottos	There are no physical boundary markers sighted. Unidentified oil palm planting next to Ottos block
Richards	There are no physical boundary markers sighted. There is oil palm already planted within the proposed area. 2016 planting – confirmed with the owner.

Revisit completed placing of physical boundary markers on all NPP areas. Evidence of photos samples submitted. Maps for both NPP and Non NPP have also been submitted and verified.

3. There was no evidence demonstrating workers and stakeholders understands the company SOP.
 - a. Awareness covered for both NPP and Non NPP, evidence uploaded under requested documents in Teams folder which has been verified.
 - b. 3 SOPs and working Manual samples each for Mills and Plantations. All samples uploaded in Teams folder under request documents which has been verified.
4. The Environmental Aspects Register was last updated in July 2021
 - a. Environmental Aspects Register was updated July 2022 and Management Review held on August 2022.
5. There is no evidence that engagement conducted with the affected parties since the assessment take place. During the SEIA assessment in 2019 where only 3 parties assess such as government, NGO’s and employees.
 - a. Attendance of meeting engagement with the communities submitted.
 - b. Balave - 3 samples meeting minutes (Meeting with leaders/FPIC meeting with villagers/ SEIA meeting)

- c. Kintakiu – 4 samples meeting minutes (Meeting with leaders/FPIC meeting with villagers/ SEIA meeting/Outcome of NPP)
 - d. Lingalinga – 1 sample meeting minutes (Meeting with leaders)
 - e. Kandoka VOP - meeting minutes' sampled (Meeting with leaders/FPIC meeting with villagers)
 - f. Communication records with affected communities submitted.
6. There is no SEIA monitoring and management plan review
- a. Reviewed management plan 2022 submitted and verified.
7. Sighted the proposed area for Richard blocks are already being planted with oil palm – 2016 planting – Richards block, 2016 poisoning covered a total of 2.53 hectares and only 1.7 hectares was replanted. 240 seedlings were issued in 2016. Replant inspection request map block 755 Kaus LSS submitted, stock delivery and Lease copy uploaded. Status of Richards in 2016 planting is 2nd cycle. Evidence was submitted
8. Annual negotiation agreement demonstrating FPIC process.
- a. Consultation with communities done annually, sample submitted and verified.
9. The enclave area which identified in the HCV assessment inhabited by partly Sapulo Clan was vacated, and they shifted to the nearby sand banks. Based on the information from one of the youth Mr. Tompo, the community left the area somewhere in 2018 due to boat inaccessibility during low tide (The sea was shallow and they are facing difficulties to boating to the shore. Although there is no new lands are not acquired in areas inhabited by communities in voluntary isolation, the activity of vacating the enclave land are to be identified in the company NPP IMP plan.

The revised NPP IMP mentioning about the issue have been submitted and verified.

10. Land ownership evidence
Land ownership evidence copy submitted and verified.
11. LUCA report is more than 1 year The assessment must be current at the time of the NPP submission (less than two years old)

Sighted firewood collection at the NPP areas,

Based on the IMP: The company are required to e established an agreement with the community about no clearance / logging within the HCV areas. This is especially relevant to the national road through Lingalinga



- a. Review of LUCA report done for the NPP with 2022 land cover added and uploaded which has been verified.
- b. Consultation with the communities done through awareness on firewood collection, encroachments on HCV / Buffers at NPP, attendance of evidence submitted and uploaded which has been verified.

The company also initiated to carry out, volunteering NPP initiative verification within its own certified unit.

Site name	Land tenure	Assesment Area (ha)	NPP Verified	Coordinates of the centre of the site (decimal degrees)	
Numondo North	Numundo Plantation - WNB	72.18	72.18	5°28'10"S	150°04'57"E
Numondo South	Numundo Plantation - WNB	197.86	197.86	5°30'11"S	150°04'34"E
Healla	Healla Plantation- WNB	67.99	67.99	5°30'51"S	150°04'00"E

Bilomi	Bilomi Plantation - WNB	149.39	149.39	5°39'11"S	150°41'24"E
Korausu	Korausu Plantation - WNB	95.36	95.36	5°39'51"S	150°114'10"E
Kautu	Kautu Plantation - WNB	106.66	106.66	5°37'35"S	150°42'56"E
		689.44	689.44		

All required assessment as per NPP 2021 guideline for the area within management unit has also been conducted and verified by auditors via site verification and stakeholders' consultation.

Acknowledgement by RSPO Member	NBPOL – West New Britain of Sime Darby Plantation acknowledges that this NPP submission had been conducted in accordance with the New Planting Procedure 2021. All assessments had been carried out accordingly and without any prejudice. Sime Darby Plantation will ensure all legal requirements are continuously met pre, during and post development of this NPP area.	
Confirmation by Certification Body	The work recorded in this NPP submission by NBPOL – West New Britain of Sime Darby Plantation at Papua New Guinea has been verified by Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and has been carried out in accordance with the requirement of the RSPO New Planting Procedure 2021 for the time being in force and in that respect that this area is considered satisfactory for development of new plantings.	
Signatures	NBPOL – West New Britain, Subsidiary of Sime Darby Plantation	Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd
	Name of Person Responsible: ZARALYN YAKOPA	Name of Lead Auditor: MOHD EZANI BIN ABDUL AZIZ
	Designation: Sustainability Manager	Designation: Lead Auditor
	Signature: 	Signature: 
	Date: 09/10/23	Date: 09/10/23