

From | Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd,
PORT TECH TOWER, LEVEL 17, Unit, No : 1, Jalan Tiara 3, Bandar Baru Klang, 41150 Klang, Selangor,
Malaysia

Subject | **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF RSPO P&C OF WATAWALA PLANTATION PLC**

Date | **02-09-2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

WATAWALA PLANTATION PLC, Sri Lanka plantation company, has applied to Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd to carryout re-certification activities in accordance with the RSPO Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production 2018 and The Indonesia National Interpretation (20 April 2020), as endorsed by RSPO Board of Governors on 7th November 2019, of its palm oil production.

The **Recertification Audit** is planned to commence on **October 06, 2025** and will be completed on **October 09, 2025**.

Applicant	WATAWALA PLANTATION PLC
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Contact details	Mr. Kaluwa Handi Thanushka Senior Manager No. 60, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka 0914928115/6 Nakiadeniya.oilmill@sunshineholdings.lk
RSPO membership number	2-0321-12-000-00
RSPO PalmTrace ID	
Supply Chain Model	IP
Any NPP Submission?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NPP Status	If Yes, To check with RSPO
Are there any RaCP?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (This is required to check if there are any liabilities)
RaCP Status	Not applicable

Brief information about Applicant	<p>Watawala Plantations PLC ("the Company") is a flagship subsidiary of the Sunshine Group, a leading agri-business enterprise in Sri Lanka, with a diversified operation that encompasses oil palm, dairy, and plantation crops. The Company is Sri Lanka's largest and only RSPO-certified palm oil producer, committed to globally recognised Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards that conduct its operations on sustainability principles.</p> <p>The supply bases are the 3 estates located near Nakiadeniya, Galle, Sri Lanka. All supplying estates listed below are owned and managed by Watawala Plantations PLC. The mill also received FFBs from independent suppliers and other third-party estates.</p>
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Palm Oil Mill (POM) for this Assessment (Delete if not applicable)						
Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity	Location	GPS reference		Forecasted Annual output (MT)	
(POM)	MT/Hr	Address	Longitude	Latitude	CPO	Palm Kernel
Nakiyadeniya Palm Oil Mill	18	Nakiyadeniya, Galle, Sri Lanka	80.3255725	6.1522937	16,124.760	1,527.240

ASSOCIATED SUPPLY BASE OF FFB TO THE ABOVE POM TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ASSESSMENT (Delete if not applicable)						
Name of estate / association	Location	GPS reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation FFB (MT)
	Address	Longitude	Latitude	Total	Mature	
Nakiyadeniya Estate	Nakiyadeniya Estate, Nakiyadeniya, Galle, Southern, 80000, Sri Lanka	6.1658 N	80.3340 E	1,347.22	1,347.22	24,466.08
Thalangaha Oil Palm Estate	Thalangaha Oil Palm Estate, Thalangaha, Nakiyadeniya, Galle, Southern, 80000, Sri Lanka	6.1492 N	80.3400 E	1,398.04	1,398.04	25,855.83
Homadola Estate	Homadola Estate, Udugama, Galle, Southern, 80000, Sri Lanka	6.2103 N	80.344 E	732.92	732.92	11,658.05
Total				3,478.18	3,478.18	61,979.97

Refer Annex 1 for Location of the Management Unit

DETAILS OF THE AUDIT TEAM		
AUDIT ROLES	NAME	BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATION
Lead Auditor	Yugeswaran Muthaiah	Graduated from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), majoring in B. Sc. Nautical Science & Maritime Transportation with 7 years working experience in Palm Oil Plantation at Malaysia and Papua New Guinea (PNG). Successfully completed certified Lead Auditor Course for MSPO P&C, MSPO SCCS, ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Chain of Custody and SA8000. Sound knowledge on health and safety aspect and best practices implementation in plantation.
Auditor	Manisah Amkaromi	Graduated from University Putra Malaysia in Diploma of Agriculture. Certified Lead Auditor for ISO9001:2015 Quality Management Systems (QMS), Completed Lead Auditor Course for RSPO Principle and Criteria, RSPO Supply Chain, qualified auditor for MSPO Oil Palm Management Criteria and Supply Chain. Completed the training program on VDF Palm Oil protocol. Prior to joining Control Union, Manisah has more than 14 years of work experience in Oil Palm Plantation Industry with a government linked plantation company as Senior Assistant Manager.

Auditor	Mohd Shauki Bin Mohd Ghazali	Graduated in Diploma Of Agriculture from University Putra Malaysia, 7 years experienced in oil palm management as a Assistant Manager with Sime Darby Plantation and experienced auditor in MSPO series standard and ISCC EU. Attended training for MSPO Lead Auditor course, Lead Auditor (IMS) ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & ISO 45001, ISCC EU & Plus Basic Training and MSPO SCCS Auditor training.
Auditor	Mathan Mahalingam	Master's in Corporate Plantation Management from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) in 2023 and Bachelor of Business Management (hons) from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in 2006. Has 17 years working experience at managerial level of oil palm in the plantation industry in Malaysia, Gabon (Africa) and Papua New Guinea (PNG) working with giant plantation players. Also had accumulated 4 years of experience in auditing RSPO P&C, RSPO SCC, RSPO NPP, RSPO ISH, MSPO P&C. Completed and certified RSPO P&C Lead Auditor Course (July'21), MSPO Lead Auditor Course MS 2530 :2013 (Sept'20) refresher course (June'24), RSPO SCCS (Feb'22), SA8000 (Nov'21) and ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & ISO 45001 Lead Auditor (Oct'20). Familiarity with environment, legal, health and safety, best practices, traceability supply chain, smallholders inclusion and social aspect implementation on the plantation.

Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is a member of the Control Union - an international inspection and certification body. CUC performs assessments and certification in many agricultural based fields such as FSC, RSPO, and Organic production, Sustainable Textile Production, Organic Exchange, GLOBALGAP, HACCP, BRC, GMP. Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd is accredited for RSPO (RSPO-ACC-021) for the scope of P&C (Single Site & Group) and SCCS worldwide. When requested, a copy of the accreditation certificate can be obtained from CUC.

Stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in certification process; during which relevant national, regional as well as local stakeholders are asked to give their views and opinions as to whether the applicant's certification units comply with the requirements of the applicable National Interpretation.

We invite all stakeholders to take part in this consultation procedure as you can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. We ask you to raise any issues, both positive and negative, by sending a written response by mail, fax or by E-mail to our Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd office as indicated below.

For your guidance, you may consider the following points:

- Environmental protection.
- Biodiversity conservation.
- Opportunities for employment.
- Provision of housing, sanitation, amenities and educational support.
- Company approach to community development.
- Participation in decision making.
- Any other issue, both positive and negative that you consider may be of relevance to the assessment.
- Issues relating to other plantations owned by the company not included in this assessment.
- A copy of the applicable RSPO standard for the country, in which the assessment is being conducted, is available from www.rspo.org. Alternatively please ask Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd for a copy.

Your responses will be dealt with in complete confidentiality and will only be distributed to the appropriate persons within the organizations of CUC, ASI and RSPO.

When required your reply will remain confidential. Please add "Confidential" in your response and when preferred your response can be added as anonymous in the public summary of the report. In that case please also add "Anonymous" in your response.

If requested by you, the audit team will make the necessary arrangements to allow you to meet with them during the evaluation.

Please direct your comments to:

Control Union Malaysia Office
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Comments received within 30 days from the date of this letter will be considered in this Assessment. Please include the following information should we need to contact you for clarification on any issues raised:

Name	:	_____
Address	:	_____
E-Mail	:	_____
Phone Number	:	_____
Summary of Issue	:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; width: 100%;"></div>

We thank you for the participation and feedback.

Yours Sincerely,



Mohd Hairi Adris
Assistant Program Manager
RSPO & MSPO
Control Union Malaysia Sdn Bhd

ANNEX 1

