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RSPO NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NEW PLANTING

This notification shall be on the RSPO website for 30 days as required by the RSPO procedures for new plantings (<http://www.rspo.org/?q=page/535>). It has also been posted on local on-site notice boards.

Date of notification: 3.2.2014

Tick whichever is appropriate

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a completely new development and stakeholders may submit comments.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is part of an ongoing planting and is meant for notification only.

1. COMPANY: NBPOL

SUBSIDIARY: Poliamba Limited

RSPO Membership No.: 1-0016-04-000-00 (O)

Location of proposed new planting: Lamawan, Kavieng, New Ireland Province PNG.

See attached Maps

2. Permits required

- **Environmental permit – less than 1000 hectares so not required**
- **Certificate of Title (sighted)**

3 Location Maps

Map 1 Locality of Poliamba New Planting & Conversion areas



4a SUMMARY FROM SEI ASSESSMENTS:

The SEIA was undertaken by Mr. Narua Lovai who is a local PNG assessor. This was undertaken in August 2013 and report issued in September 2013.

The proposed development involves the conversion from existing Copra Plantations to Oil Palm.

Poliamba completed an SEIA for the development/conversion in addition to the Environmental Plan. The Social and Environmental Impact Assessment for these developments are in line with the rules of the RSPO P&C on NPP for PNG. The

SEIA included consultation with local stakeholders and included reports of the outcomes of these meetings.

As this is a conversion from copra to oil palm, Poliamba has negotiated a lease-lease back arrangement with the current State leaseholders Ken and Maxie Morgan. All of the villagers acknowledge that the land is state owned and currently lease to Ken and Maxie Morgan. The local villagers maintain that they have adequate customary land beside and behind the plantation for gardening, collection of coconuts, sago extraction, bamboo and poles for building.

The villagers support the setting up of the oil palm plantation as it is perceived that it will bring benefits. This includes improved access to the land for traditional uses and cash crop cultivation. It is also perceived that the plantation will provide both direct and indirect employment and possible contractual work. The main concern is the potential contamination of the ground water, shoreline and near shore marine waters by silt and agrichemical residues. Poliamba has developed an Environment Management and Monitoring Programme for the plantation with safeguards in place to minimise silt or agrichemical degradation of water.

There were meetings held with stakeholders and Provincial Government officers in Kavieng on 5th August 2013.

Meeting with Stakeholders attendees along with Poliamba representatives and NGO were:

Ken Morgan	Landowner
Maxie Morgan	Landowner
Hilda Bernard	relative of Landowner
Aureen Piteari	relative of Landowner

Government Representatives and NGO's:

Max Kuduk	New Ireland Provincial Affairs
Venantius Gaul	New Ireland Lands Office
Modi Ponti	Wildlife Conservation Society

There were also meetings held with the Neighbouring Ward Committees in Lavatbura Village and Local NGO's in Fangalava Village. Records were retained of all meetings.

4b SUMMARY FROM HCV ASSESSMENT(S):

Extract from new planting Principle- Information on the presence, or absence, of HCVs is integrated with the SEIA required by 7.1. This criterion applies to forests and other natural vegetation types. It is recognised that land under previous commercial agricultural production or livestock grazing (e.g. coconut, cocoa or beef) is sometimes less likely to contain HCVs or be required to maintain or enhance such values. If the SEIA shows credible evidence that this is the case then a full HCV assessment is not required. Further HCV are not required under PNG Criterion 7.3 for crop conversion and the SEIA did not identify any potential HCVs.

Previously in 2011 Lewie Dekker completed an HCV assessment on all NBPOL plantations which included areas near Lamawan Plantation.

Although not required a rapid HCV assessment was conducted by Guy Williams in October 2013 as well as part of monitoring process. This HCV assessment indicated there are no HCV's in the old coconut plantations including primary forest, fragile soils or peat soils.

There was one element indicated related to edible land crabs that are used as a food source during the annual migration from land to the sea. The assessor has determined that the land crabs are not restricted to this area and widely available and the habitat is further protected by the mandatory beachside reserve.

The total area is 155 ha of which 90 ha will be planted.

Areas highlighted for exclusion from the planting are listed below:

- Beach Side area 17 ha
- Implantable or swamp 48 ha

A follow up assessment was carried out by the company and a report completed 13th January 2014. This was signed off by the Senior Management of the company.

SUMMARY OF PLANS:

A number of conclusions were made as a result of the SEIA as well as recommendations which are reviewed and accepted by Poliamba.

An Environmental and Social plan has been developed which includes all the provisions for control of all affected areas during the new development stage. This is the Environment Management and Monitoring Plan. This is extensive and includes all aspects of the development, the impacts and control measures in place. There is a time line for monitoring each aspect with responsibilities outlined in the plan. This plan has incorporated the findings from the SEIA and local HCV into the above mentioned management plan.

VERIFICATION STATEMENT:

The assessment and the plans submitted are comprehensive, professional and compliant of RSPO principles, criteria and indicators. This review was undertaken by Mr Allan Thomas (an approved BSI RSPO lead auditor) as desk top review on the 3rd February 2014. The new planting involved is a crop conversion (Coconut to Oil Palm) and the lead Auditor visited the area during the most recent RSPO assessment in February 2013 and again in February 2014.

Signed for on behalf of

BSi Group Singapore Pte Ltd



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Mr Allan Thomas

Lead Auditor

Date of review: 3.2.14