

Notification of RSPO Re-Certification 2 Assessment of Benso Oil Palm Plantation PLC – BOPP POM, GHANA
RSPO Membership: 2-0017-05-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Benso Oil Plantation PLC – BOPP POM of Ghana has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct RSPO Re-Certification Assessment 2, of its palm oil mill and supply base located near Adum Bansa, Takoradi – Ghana. The assessment will be conducted on 1 Palm Oil Mill, 1 Oil Palm Plantation (Nucleus) and 2 Scheme Smallholders.

SCS Global Services plan to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of Benso Oil Plantation PLC – BOPP POM from **17th to 21st June 2024**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2018 including Supply Chain requirement for mills), using as reference the National Interpretation of the P&Cs for **Ghana/2019**.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers’ health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

COMPANY NAME	
Mill Name	Benso Oil Plantation PLC – BOPP POM
PalmTrace ID	RSPO_PO1000001677
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	30 mt/hr
Supply Chain Model	MB
Address	Adum Bansa, Takoradi – Ghana
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	Lat: 5.110717, Long: -1.913683
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2024 - 2025)	21,420 MT
PK Tonnage (Projection 2024 - 2025)	5,100 MT
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2024 - 2025)	102,000 MT

Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
BOPP Estate (Nucleus)	Mpohor	Lat: 5.102162, Long: -1.910148	4738	0	5149	93,000
BOPP Scheme Smallholder (Plasma)	Mpohor	Lat: 5.1345546, Long: -1.926880	1150	500	1650	5500
Adum Smallholder Oil Palm Project	Mpohor	Lat: 5.024231, Long: -1.929824	633	0	1400	3500
TOTAL			6521	500	8199	102,000

New Planting Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
NPP Reference Number	XXX	
Country of the NPP submission	XXX	
Name of Management Unit:	XXX	
Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan	XXX	
Location of NPP area	XXX	
Address of NPP area	XXX	



GPS Reference	XX°XX'XX.XXXXX"N, XX°XX'XX.XXXXX"
Total area as per permit	XXX
Area for new planting	XXX
Date of Completion	DD/MM/YY

RACP Procedure				<input type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
Liability disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	FARM / ESTATE NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> No	FARM / ESTATE NAME
Annex 2 disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	FARM / ESTATE NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> No	FARM / ESTATE NAME

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Benso Oil Plantation PLC – BOPP POM:

Name	Role and Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
Dennis Acquah	Lead Auditor Social Expert	BSc. In Natural Resource management with specialization in Forestry from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and technology, Kumasi, Ghana; MSc in logistic and Supply Chain Management from Kwame Nkrumah University of science and technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He has been trained on RSPO PnC 2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS Lead Auditor Course, FSC Forest management/CoC Lead Auditor Course, and RA SAS Farm/CoC Lead Auditor Course. He has also participated in ESIA and SEA trainings, SA8000 Lead Auditor Course. He works as Project Coordinator (Forest and Biodiversity). He has experience in implementing forest governance projects, building relations and sustaining communications with forest communities, acting as resource person for awareness and training activities and engaging government towards policy reforms. Has 14 years of experience as an Operation Managers having worked with two of the leading timber processing industries in Ghana. He is fluent in English and in local language.
Joseph William Osei	Team Auditor Environment, Health and Safety Expert	Natural Resources Manager with specialization in Forest Economics and more than 16 years' experience in forest plantation and natural forest management. He is an RSPO and FSC Lead auditor and has ISO 14001 Lead Auditor certificate. He is also a lead auditor for other certification schemes including the UEBT, VCS, among others. He has led and participated in over 30 forest management/forest Carbon, chain-of custody audits, FLEGT VPA and RSPO baseline and P&C assessment in over 8 countries in Africa. He holds a BSc. in Natural Resources Management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana; MSc. in Tropical Forestry with specialization in Forest Economics from the Technology University of Dresden, Germany and Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Strategic Management, from the Paris Graduate School of Management, Paris, France. He is fluent in English and in local language.
Frank Kwesi	Team Auditor Social Expert. Legal Issues	Master's degree in environmental management and policy, 17 years in sustainable projects including oil palm and forestry industries. RSPO P&C (2013) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2017) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2020) Lead Auditor, RSPO P&C (2018) Lead Auditor Update, SA8000 Lead Auditor Training, ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course, RA and FSC FM/CoC



	and Supply Chain	Lead Auditor course, HCV Assessor Training, OHSAS 18001 Certified Auditor course, RA SAS Lead Auditor course, ISCC EU and Plus Lead Auditor. He is fluent in English and in local language.
Samuel Lamptey	Team Auditor Environment, Best Agronomic Practices, Smallholder Inclusion	BSc. Agric (Postharvest Technology) – University of Ghana (2010); M.Phil. Crop Science – University of Ghana (2013); PhD Candidate Crop Science – University of Ghana (2019 to date). RSPO P&C 2018 Lead Auditor Course; RSPO SCCS 2020 Lead Auditor Course; ISO 9001 (2015) QMS lead Auditor Course, FPIC, Decent Living Wage, Quick Guide to HCV - HCSA assessment: Social Requirements. Has 12 years of experience in the Agri-food Sector. Intern-Norpalm Ghana Ltd. (May 2009 - Aug 2009); Field Officer - Agro-Eco Louis Bolk Institute (May 2011); Consultant – UN-FAO (May 2011 to Aug 2011); Consultant- Bonstech Sustainability and Management Experts (2015-2016); Consultant - Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Environment (2016 to date); Agricultural Science Lecturer - Ada University College of Education (Nov 2020 to date). He is fluent in English and in local language.

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Benso Oil Plantation PLC – BOPP POM, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment. Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone number: _____

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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