

March 20, 2025

**Notification of RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A., Nicaragua**  
**RSPO Membership: 1-0112-12-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A. of Nicaragua has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply basin located near Comunidad Las Limas, Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 18 Oil Palm Plantations, 0 Outgrowers, 0 Scheme Smallholders.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Initial Certification assessment of the Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A. mill from **May 26 – 30, 2025 (BOLD)**. 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 the **Nicaragua/2022**.

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.

Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A.	
<b>Description</b>	Mill and supply base
<b>Mill Name</b>	Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A.
<b>PO ID</b>	RSPO_PO1000004767
<b>Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)</b>	75 mt/hr
<b>Supply Chain Model</b>	IP /MB
<b>Address</b>	Comunidad Las Limas, Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.
<b>GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)</b>	Lat 12.264742, Long -83.82972
<b>CPO Tonnage (Projection 2026)</b>	55,223
<b>PK Tonnage (Projection 2026)</b>	12,005
<b>FFB Tonnages (Projection 2026)</b>	240,098

Estate	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Ingenio I	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.25651, -83.76045	686	0	686	15,183
Ingenio II	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.27693, -83.77317	569	0	725	13,230
Cacao Mendoza	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la	12.30419, -83.77121	468	35	600	11,250

	Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.					
La Ceiba	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.30629, -83.80843	565	0	731	12,445
La Palma	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.29054, -83.82766	469	0	548	11,928
Palma Adulta	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.29378, -83.85000	328	255	602	5,432
Ñary Lapas	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.32361, -83.84020	549	0	669	13,116
El Escobal	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.32445, -83.86602	576	0	799	17,042
Lima San José	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.214895, -83.84182	572	0	882	11,702
El Borbollon	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.27983, -83.78946	527	0	620	10,336
Las Delicias	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.30223, -83.91594	605	0	686	15,386
Malopi I	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.27255, -83.87652	544	0	692	11,955

Malopi II	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.26600, -83.91275	641	0	749	18,429
El Capricho	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.25716, -83.96886	542	0	710	15,528
El Wary	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.31739, -83.96073	543	0	785	12,414
El Granadillo	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.32799, -83.94758	724	0	1126	15,578
El Almendro	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.37375, -83.95834	607	0	879	15,278
La Alianza	Municipio de Kukra Hill, Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur, Nicaragua.	12.36037, -83.98368	669	0	926	13,866
TOTAL			10,185	290	13,416	240,098

<b>New Planting Procedure</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
<b>NPP Reference Number</b>		
<b>Country of the NPP submission</b>		
<b>Name of Management Unit:</b>		
<b>Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan</b>		
<b>Location of NPP area</b>		
<b>Address of NPP area</b>		
<b>GPS Reference</b>		
<b>Total area as per permit</b>		
<b>Area for new planting</b>		
<b>Date of Completion</b>		

<b>RACP Procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
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<b>Liability disclosure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Cukra Development Corporation S:A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Annex 2 disclosure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Cukra Development Corporation S:A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No

SCS serves the food industry and agribusiness with a large variety of programs throughout the entire value chain. We have more than 25 years of experience in the development of standards, third-party verification and rigorous scientific analysis to clients around the world, helping them to manage risk and increase their market share, and positioning them as leaders. Among our innovations is the development of the first "Pesticide Free" certification in the 1980s. We were pioneers with the Veriflora Sustainably Grown standard for flowers and foliage, the Fair Trade standard for social compliance and the development of Starbucks C.A.F.E. Standard Practices to evaluate the responsible purchase of coffee. SCS currently manages this program for Starbucks and accredits certification bodies in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Our agricultural certification programs include, among others, ISCC, RSB, Bonsucro, SQF, GLOBALG.A.P., Tesco, and BRCGS.

SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A.:

Name	Role	Qualification and Experience
<b>Weesmary Navarro</b>	Lead auditor	<p>Education: Environmental and sanitary engineer, specialist in quality management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO P&amp;C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead Auditor Course, HSEQ Auditor updated version 2015, RSPO SCC Oleochemical Course, ISH RSPO Standard Auditor, Diploma in the promotion of formalization of employment, safety and health at work in the palm sector (ILO).</p> <p>Working experience: 13 years of work experience, of which 9 years have been in the oil palm agribusiness. During this time, she has worked as responsible for environmental processes in oil mill plants and has collaborated in the adoption of sustainable technologies with small, medium and large producers. She has also worked as an auditor in national ISO and OSHAS certification standards, and as an implementer of international certification standards such as RSPO and ISCC. Fluent in English and Spanish.</p>
<b>Joel Argueta</b>	Team Auditor	<p>Education: Agronomy Engineering, Master- Social Management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO Lead Auditor Update P&amp;C v.2018, RSPO V2020 Lead Auditor in Supply Chain, ISCC EU and PLUS Basic training, ISO 9001: 2008 Auditor/ Lead Auditor, QMS LEAD AUDITOR ISO 9001:2015 TRAINING COURSE, Internal auditing in a quality management system ISO 19011, Rainforest Alliance auditor, Utz Certified Auditor, RSPO ISH Standards Training, Fundamentals of Occupational Safety and Health in Agroindustry. Bonsucro Production Standard v5.1 Technical Training. SA8000 Basic Auditor course.</p> <p>Working experience: Rainforest Alliance audits to groups and farms, Rainforest Alliance chain of custody audits, RSPO P&amp;C audits, verification of implementation of sustainability policies of palm oil purchasing companies. Bonsucro audits. 11 years' experience in Palm Oil Industry.</p>

<p><b>Jose Alfredo Torres</b></p>	<p>Team Auditor</p>	<p>Education: Agricultural engineer, graduate in agricultural business administration, specialization in administration and environmental management, postgraduate degree in agro-industrial project evaluation.</p> <p>Trainings attended: Instructor and lead auditor for Rainforest Alliance 2020 program, RSPO lead auditor course -2019, trainer of trainers of smallholders academy in RSPO, consultant course in ISO 22000, conformity assessment course in ISO 17020, lead auditor course in ISO 9001:2015, ISO 19011, social auditor course CPI Auditor (compliance practitioners initiative) INTERTEK, coffee practices verifier course.</p> <p>Working experience: Auditor in certification schemes: Lead Auditor in Rainforest Alliance (2002-2024), 2 observation audits and one audit as a local expert in RSPO, support auditor in audit of BONSUCRO in Honduras, member of the team of instructors in RSPO lead auditor courses in Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador, member of the instructor team in courses for trainers of the RSPO small producer academy in Mexico and group managers in Honduras, facilitator of the Rainforest Alliance Auditor course.</p>
<p><b>Laura Reyes</b></p>	<p>Team Auditor</p>	<p>Education: Education: BS- Business Administration, Masters- Human Resource Management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO P&amp;C (2013) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2017) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO P&amp;C (2018) Lead Auditor Updated, RSPO SCC (2020) Lead Auditor Updated, SA8000 Lead Auditor (2021), ISCC Lead Auditor and ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor course. Safety Management System at work (SENA), workshop on health and safety management system and work formalization (International Labour Organization – ILO) Guidelines for auditing management systems (ISO 19011:2018) Other trainings through RSPO webinar FPIC, Decent Living Wage (DLW).</p> <p>Working experience: 20 years’ experience in Palm Oil Industry, 15 years plus experience in the implementation and auditing of Integrated Control Systems and Supply Chain Management, 18 years’ experience as general Manager of Palm Oil Plantations, Consultant in business management in strategic planning, Agro-industrial Best Practices, social projects, and administrative process optimization, strategic and support direction. Participation for 6 months in the project SafeYouth@Work Colombia (2019 - International Labour Organization – ILO) and Main member representing palm oil growers in the RSPO P&amp;C national interpretation V. 2018 (Colombia). Fluent in English and Spanish.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Industrial Aceitera de la RAAS S.A., 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
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Participation in decision making
- 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:

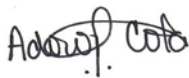
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If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



Adriana Cala  
 Program Manager RSPO