

Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB), Cote D'ivoire
RSPO Membership: 1-0269-19-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB) a subsidiary of Socfin SA has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm plantation and supply bases located at Plantation de la Dodo, Grand Béréby, Bas-Sassandra, Cote D'ivoire. The assessment will be conducted on 1 Oil Mill and 2 palm plantations supply bases.

SCS Global Services plan to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB) from **6th to 10th October 2025**. 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&C for **Cote D'ivoire/2020**.

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	Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB)
PO ID	RSPO_PO1000008420
Prisma Trading ID	TA25-017138
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	45 MT FFB/hour
Supply Chain Model	MB
Address	Plantation de la Dodo, Grand Béréby, Bas-Sassandra, 01 BP 365, Cote D'ivoire
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	4.618910, -7.236077
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2025/26)	35,888
PK Tonnage (Projection 2025/26)	6,540
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2025/26)	157,082.02

Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
SOGB S.A. - TF464	Grand Béréby	4.59428229, -7.12726049	2,012.03	0	6,096	42,333.11
SOGB S.A. - TF467		4.67862875, -7.12533104	5,456.09	20.16	28,221	114,796.13
TOTAL			7,468.12	20.16	34,317	157,129.24

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 área	XXX	
Address of NPP área	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 Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB):

Name	Role	Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
Armand Zongang	Lead Auditor	Environment, Health and Safety Expert, Continuous Improvement	Forest Engineer at University of Dschang; master's degree in Sustainable and intergraded management at University of Montpellier 2-MNHN Management. Lead auditor ISO 900-2015, Lead Auditor FSC FM and COC, HVC identification, RSPO SCCS (2020) Lead Auditor, RSPO P&C (2018) Lead Auditor Refresher. Over twenty years of field experience in managing certification cycles, managing auditors, planning audits, conducting audits, risk management, consulting with stakeholders, etc. Participated several audits either as an auditor or as a coach, for the following standards (FSC, OLB, RSPO, SAN, PAFC, ISO 9001) and for Certification Bodies including Rainforest Alliance, NEPCON, Bureau Veritas, SCS GOLBA LSERVICES in Central and West Africa. Armand is bilingual (English and French) and operates mainly in Central and West Africa. He also has field experience in Latin America and Asia.
Charles Kouadio	Auditor	Social, Land right and Best Agronomic Practices.	Agronomy Engineer (Specialty: Economics and Management of Agricultural Enterprises, Council in agriculture, social and rural management, production, marketing and management systems, Management of optimal conditions for animal and plant production) at School of Agronomy of Polytechnic Institute Felix Houphouet-Boigny in Yamoussoukro. RSPO P&C (2013) Lead Auditor Course. RSPO Lead Auditor P&C 2018. RSPO SCCS (2017) Lead Auditor Course. Course for senior auditor in Organic regulations and in social standards as SMETA. ISO 9001:2008 Lead Auditor course. Certificate in climate change and food security. Certificate on Humanitarian Project Management. Certificate in Monitoring / Evaluation of projects. SA8000 Social Accountability International Basic Lead Auditor course (2021) and RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard 2019 (RISS). Specialist of Monitoring and Evaluation of sustainability standards indicators (Environment, social and quality of implementation) at Bureau Veritas Côte d'Ivoire (since 2019 until today). Consultant / Assessor for sustainable cocoa production and traceability for supply chain at Intertek Nigeria and Ivory Coast (since 2019 until today). Sustainability and Certification Manager at Control Union (December 2012 to March 2019). Consultant / Assessor for Assessment of RSPO P&C requirements at SCS Global Services (since 2019 until March 2021). Currently working for SCS as a full-time staff. He is fluent in French and in English
Frank Kwesi	Auditor	Environment, Continuous Improvement and Supply Chain	Has master's in environmental management and policy from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, BSc. Finance & Entrepreneurship Development, Garden City University College HND Wood Technology, Kumasi Polytechnic. Has attended and passed several certification courses including; RSPO P&C 2013 Lead Auditor Course organized by Proforest Africa, RSPO P&C 2018 Lead Auditor Refresher organized by Checkmark

			<p>Training, RSPO SCC Lead Auditor Course and RSPO SCC 2020 Lead Auditor Refresher organized by Checkmark Training, ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor, SA 8000 basic lead auditor organized by SAI, HCV Assessor training organized by Proforest Africa, FSC Forest Management & Chain of Custody Lead Auditor, Rainforest Alliance, Agriculture standard Lead Auditor Course, Possess also health and safety certificates in NEBOSH International General Certificate (Occupational Health and Safety), OHSAS 18001 Certified Auditor. Frank has also participated and attended several RSPO trainings and webinars including FPIC, DWL, Dispute Settlement Facility, RSPO Palm GHG Assessment, Introduction to RSPO P&C Metric Template, Gender Guidance to RSPO, Palmtrace New Features for ISH, RSPO Remediation and Compensation Procedures, RSPO revised NPP 2021, Prisma and the new RSPO reporting template (UAR). Frank has led several RSPO P&C and SCC audits several countries in Africa and Southeast Asia (PNG) since 2016. Has also work on United Nations Industrial Development (UNIDO) projects including Trade and Capacity Building (TCB) and the West Africa Competitiveness Project as the Local Expert. Frank has also led and been involved in several HCV assessment in tropical forests and natural rubber plantation operating companies in Ghana. Currently work as a full-time employee for SCS Global Services. He is fluent in English and in local languages.</p>
Aime Gbakre	Auditor	Social and Legal Issues	<p>Bachelor's in quality Control and Environment Management, ESTC, Abidjan (2018). Marketing-Communication and Advertising Design Engineer, Institute of Technologies Abidjan (2009). Bachelor of Arts in literature, specialized in English, University of Cocody, Abidjan (2005). HND in Human Resources Management and Corporate Communication, ESSECT Henri Poincaré, Abidjan (2005), and Baccalaureate in Literature. Successfully completed the ISO 9001 Lead Auditor Course, Endorsed RSPO P&C Lead Auditor Course 2018, Child Labor Cantered Due Diligence 2015 and Management on Human Resources 2015. Experience in social audit, sustainable agriculture, and certification of agricultural production systems with various CB's and for various crops such as palm oil. He is consultant at SCS Global Services. Aimé is bilingual (English and French) and operates mainly in Central and West Africa. He is fluent in French and in English.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Société des caoutchoucs de Grand Béréby (SOGB), 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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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



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