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Dear Dr. Ly

## Invitation to participate in the Review and Revision of the RSPO Cambodian Local Indicators for Mong Reththy Investment Cambodia Oil Palm Co. Ltd based on the RSPO Principles and Criteria dated 25 April 2013

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable production of palm oil worldwide.

The basis for RSPO certification is the RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) for Sustainable Palm Oil Production (Including Indicators and Guidance October 2007), which are the global guidelines for producing palm oil sustainably. They constitute a set of environmental and social principles by which palm oil producers need to abide in order to claim that their palm oil is produced sustainably. The P&C were first created in 2007 and revised in 2013.

**MONG RETHTHY INVESTMENT CAMBODIA OIL PALM CO. LTD** (hereafter abbreviated as 'MRICOP') is the first company in Cambodia to cultivate oil palm commercially with incentives granted by the Royal Government of Cambodia. The MRICOP Plantation Management Unit (PMU), comprising the palm oil mill and oil palm estates, covering about 11,000 hectares located in Prey Nop District, Sihanouk Provincesuccessfully obtained their RSPO certification in August 2012. The audit was conducted by Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. Based on the audit findings MRICOP has been able to demonstrate its compliance with the RSPO P&C (October 2007), Cambodian Local Indicators (March 2012) for Small Producing Countries (SPC) and the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard (November 2011) for palm oil mill. The PMU also successfully passed its surveillance audit in August 2013 and an additional estate of about 8,000 hectares (owned by MTSI but managed by MRICOP) has been included as part of the certified area.

The Local Indicators for the RSPO P&C for Cambodia was created in March 2012. With the latest revision of the RSPO P&C (Generic) in April 2013, it is a requirement that the Cambodian Local Indicators need to be reviewed and revised for submission to the RSPO Secretariat. In order to ensure that the process of development of the Cambodian Local Indicators (CLI), based on the revised RSPO Generic Standard is done in an open and

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transparent manner, we are initiating a stakeholder consultation process. Towards this end, we are inviting the participation of a range of stakeholders that would include key persons from the local Government Ministries, NGOs and leaders of the local communities to assist in reviewing the CLI and to provide their comments.

MRICOP has engaged the services of Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. as the Certification Body (CB) to facilitate the process of final review and for eventual submission to RSPO.Information on RSPO and its certification process is publicly available at this website: <u>www.rspo.org</u>

Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. is currently part of the Intertek Group. Intertek Moody Group is one of the leading international organizations offeringmanagement system certifications in quality, environmental, occupational safety & healthand product certification, Marine Sustainability Chain-of-Custody, MTCS and PEFC Chain-of Custody certification in applicable industry sectors including the agricultural and forestry sectors.

As an esteemed member on our stakeholder list, we would like to request you to provide your comments (if any), primarily relating to the laws and regulations in Cambodia, on any of the following matters related to the plantation site and more importantly pertaining to the following new Criteria (shown in bold) that have been included in the RSPO P&C revised version (April 2013):

Environmental protection

- Biodiversity conservation
- Community development
- Employment opportunities
  Ethical Conduct (Criteria 1.3)
- Use of Forced or Trafficked Labour (Criteria (6.12)
- Respecting Human Rights (Criteria 6.13)
- Minimising Green House Gas (GHG) emissions for new plantings (Criteria 7.8)

A copy of the Cambodian Local Indicators for RSPO P&C (Khmer Version) is attached herewith for your kind attention. Please kindly give us your written feedback by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014. We will hold an open forum meeting at our office on 26th May 2014 between 9:00-12:00 pm and be available to discuss any issues that are raised. We would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and look forward to your participation and feedback in this consultation process.

Sincerely yours A OF CAME

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