



TRIPUTRA AGRO PERSADA

16th December, 2020

To :

Ms. Ginger Cassady,
Executive Director,
Rainforest Action Network
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Dear Ms. Cassady,

We would like to confirm that we have received your email on the 11th Dec 2020 with attached letter addressed to us dated 9th December 2020 regarding "Notification of Publication of Evaluation of Policies and Standard Operating Procedures on the fulfilment of the rights of communities to give or withhold their Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)".

We understand that Rainforest Action Network (RAN) puts high attention related to environment as well as human rights. As an Agribusiness Corporation our daily operation related closely with nature and local communities around the concessions, we are also share the same concern and we uphold commitment for environment and social friendly operations.

Thank you for the report regarding the implementation of FPIC involving our group. We would like to take this opportunity to provide information and clarification which may deem helpful in regard to the report released by RAN.

1. Triputra Agro Persada (TAP) group is a holding of palm plantation companies that has a high commitment to the protection and management of environment as well as respect to local communities and human rights. The commitment has been expressed in the Corporate Sustainability policy which can be found in the TAP website (<http://www.tap-agri.com/>). Please kindly find the implementation of the policy in the TAP Sustainability Report 2019 which has been published through the web site.
2. TAP group is a member of the RSPO and therefore we are committed to the implementation of the RSPO principles and criteria, including the FPIC (Free, Prior, Informed and Consent) which is set in the SOPs as guide to our operations.
3. TAP carry out FPIC in every development of plantations that have an impact on the community. So far it has complied with RSPO requirements; this was proven during annual verification and certification audits. As part of our Sustainability journey, TAP will certainly continue to make continuous improvement, including in the aspect of FPIC.

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4. With regard to local community around TAP concessions, since 2015 TAP has launched DMPA (Desa Makmur Peduli Api), an engagement program which combines fire prevention activities coupled with alternate economic activities as well as environment education to improve livelihood.

5. Since TAP is not member of HCSA, we may need to review the HCSA Social Requirements and Implementation Guidance further to familiarize. However, despite not being member of HCSA, as mentioned in the report and as part of our sustainability commitment, we have started to go through HCS peer review and HCSA verification on the HCS assessment conducted by independent assessor trained by HCSA.

We believe that RAN and TAP are in the same spirit for environment protection and respect to human right including respect to local community and livelihood improvement. We are in the journey of sustainability continuous improvement and therefore open for any discussion. Kindly inform us for any inquiry, we can be reached through our email.

Regards,

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Head of Sustainability

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