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Gemma Tillack
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Dear Gemma,

Thank you for your letter dated September 30, 2021 in which you share with us your intent to publish an upcoming report on major brands forest footprint in North and East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

As you mention in your letter, Colgate-Palmolive was one of the first CPG brands to conduct and publish a palm oil forest footprint in a focused area of our supply chain, North Sumatra Indonesia. Through engagement with RAN and working with our partner Earthworm Foundation along with other brands that have published focused forest footprints, we are still learning and understanding the opportunities and challenges of the footprint assessment. We are finalizing our plans for our North Sumatra footprint in the fourth quarter of this year. Regarding our footprint in North and East Kalimantan, Colgate does source from a small number of mills in these two provinces which ultimately represent less than 10% of sourcing mills in Indonesia. We have prioritized landscape projects in Aceh and Riau along with our North Sumatra footprint assessment which collectively covers approximately 50% of sourcing mills in Indonesia.

We continue to regularly engage with our direct suppliers to monitor compliance with NDPE policy expectations throughout our supply chain. This regular engagement includes a focus on traceability through which we can have visibility of material origins and potential impacts on standing forests, customary lands and local communities.

In addition, we support and engage in collective industry action. We are a member of the Consumer Goods Forum - Forest Positive Coalition and are also engaged with the Coalition's Landscapes Working Group. This coalition working group is focused on forest risk commodity footprints and how we as a coalition can collectively take action in priority sourcing areas to address deforestation and protect local people and their communities. Colgate is aligned with the coalition in leveraging our collective power to expand our understanding of our own forest footprint through ongoing landscape projects in Indonesia and Malaysia. Through shared expectations and actions with the Forest Positive Coalition, we are working to further accelerate our efforts toward protecting forests, and the animals and people that depend on them.

We remain open to a discussion with you and your team as we progress our plans.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Richardson".

Lauren Richardson
Chief Procurement Officer
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