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NEWS RELEASE

Bumitama refers to the article ‘Oil palm plantations need to protect orangutans’

Jakarta, 26 February 2016 – Bumitama Agri Ltd and its group (Bumitama) refers to article by Erik Meijaard titled “Oil palm plantations need to protect orangutans (commentary)” issued on Mongabay on 22 February 2016.

We would like to publicly refute all allegations and insinuations made by Mr. Meijaard against what could be perceived as reference to Bumitama, under the acronym of BGA used in his article. His accusations are tendentious and unfounded, based on his personal assumptions rather than legitimate evidence.

Bumitama has pledged to “No deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation” for all mills and plantations in our subsidiaries, associates and those we manage. We will only proceed with new planting after clearing the RSPO New Planting Procedure (NPP); our NPP report shall be supported by the High Conservation Value (HCV) assessment, High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessment, peat delineation and Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

Bumitama has been engaging with competent stakeholders in the protection of forest and biodiversity, inclusive of orangutan and their natural habitats, in and around our concessions. We trained and will continue to train our staff on how to best avoid any human – orangutan conflicts. Amongst other initiatives, we have also been preparing conservation of an area that would serve as wildlife corridor, interconnecting forested areas with orangutan population. We have been patrolling and monitoring our concessions and set aside areas using the Spatial Monitoring And Reporting Tool (SMART), conducting orangutan awareness programmes to local communities and running forest enrichment and reforestation projects.

Bumitama has resolved the previously asserted issues, officially closing all formal complaints filed to RSPO against Bumitama in the past. If Mr. Meijaard feels that our planting may interfere with biodiversity of the area that he “saw from the hill top”, instead of writing another misleading article he may want to consider discussing with us directly or through email. Bumitama is committed to continuous enhancement of its practices and will welcome any constructive improvement recommendations.

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