

**FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION
 INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Reference No. : ES07380004
 To : All Relevant Stakeholders
 Date : 23 March 2021
 Re : Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Consultation in the Surveillance Audit of Forest Plantation Management Unit (FPMU) No. 14 for PEFC MTCS Forest Management Certification

This is to inform that SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd (SIRIM QAS International) will conduct surveillance audit for forest management certification on FPMU No. 14 managed by Sapulut Forest Development Sdn Bhd.

SIRIM QAS International is a certification body accredited to the Department of Standards Malaysia. This audit will assess the forest management practices of Sapulut FMU against the requirements of the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM)* standard related to economic, social and environmental aspects. A copy of the standard is available in the website of Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) www.mtcc.com.my. The surveillance audit will be conducted on 24 April 2021.

The FPMU No. 14 information are as below:

Location	Tibow District, Sabah
Size of FPMU	10,995 ha
Forest Type	Dry Inland Forest
Main Species	<i>Falcataria moluccana</i> (Batai), <i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Laran)
Current Forest Management System	Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

The Audit Team assigned for the assessment of the above FPMU is as follows:

- 1) Khairul Najwan Ahmad Jahari – Lead Auditor
- 2) Mohd Annas Amin Hj Omar – Auditor
- 3) Angelica Sinimis Suimin – Auditor

The following is a short description of the audit process and a tentative itinerary:

1. Invitation to public to solicit comments on the FPMU seeking for certification;
2. Audit planning and document review;
3. Field audit on representative samples of forest sites and operation within the FPMU;
4. Stakeholder consultation involving private interviews, discussions or small group meetings with local communities surrounding the FPMU;
5. Closing Meeting with representative of FPMU to present preliminary findings of the audit;
6. Preparation of draft Audit Report describing the audit process, findings and recommendation on certification;



7. Peer review of draft Audit Report by two independent peer reviewers;
8. Submission of final Audit Report to the Head of Food, Agriculture and Forestry Section of SIRIM QAS International; and
9. Disclosure of public summary, if certification is granted to the FPMU.

As part of the audit process for forest management certification, SIRIM QAS International invites stakeholders to provide comments and feedback on the Sapulut FPMU forest management practices against the requirements of the MC&I SFM. Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

1. Environmental protection;
2. Biodiversity conservation;
3. Opportunities for employment;
4. Community relations and workers rights;
5. Benefits from the forest;
6. Your relationship with the FMU;
7. Suggestions for improvement.

Stakeholders who wish to give input and comment(s) can also access SIRIM QAS International at www.sirim-qas.com.my, or contact the undersigned to give comments or input in confidence. SIRIM QAS International welcomes input and comment(s) either public or confidential in whatever form most convenient and secure to you. We appreciate if the input or comment(s) is given prior to the conduct of the audit by using the attached reply slip. Your input and comment(s) is valuable to SIRIM QAS International in the auditing process.

Please be informed that your input and feedback will be kept confidential available only SIRIM QAS International and members of the audit team. SIRIM QAS International looks forward to receiving your comments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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Invitation for Stakeholders' Comments on Sapulut Forest Plantation Management Unit (FPMU) for PEFC MTCS Forest Management Certification.

1. Your letter dated _____ refers.
2. I would like to inform that I have /have no comments on the _____ Forest Management Unit (FMU/FPMU) to be verified by the audit team during ~~Stage-2~~/surveillance/recertification audit on the FMU/FPMU.
3. My comments are as follows: (please attach comment if the space below is adequate)

4. I am willing/unwilling that my identity be revealed in the audit report and public summary of the forest management unit.

Name : _____

Designation : _____

Organization : _____

Signature : _____

Date : _____