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## FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

## Reference No. : EJ04800001 To : All Relevant Stakeholders Date : 11 August 2023 Re : Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Consultation for Recertification Audit of Pahang Forest Management Unit (FMU) for PEFC MTCS Forest Management Certification

This is to inform that SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. (SIRIM QAS International) will conduct recertification audit for forest management certification on Pahang FMU managed by Pahang State Forestry Department.

SIRIM QAS International is a certification body accredited to the Department of Standards Malaysia. This audit will assess the forest management practices of Pahang 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) <u>www.mtcc.com.my</u>. The recertification audit will be conducted on 11 – 15 September 2023.

The Pahang FMU information are as below:

Location	Pahang
Size of FMU	1,504,407.35 ha
Forest Type	Dry Inland Forest
Main species	Dipterocarp & Non-Dipterocarp
Current Forest Management System	Selective Management System (SMS)

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

1) Mohd Annas Amin Hj Omar – Lead Auditor

- 2) Mohd Razman Salim Auditor
- 3) Azrul Ikhsan B. Mohamed Auditor
- 4) Hj Roslee Jamaludin Auditor
- 5) Puteri Arlydia Binti Abdul Auditor

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

- 1. Invitation to public to solicit comments on the FMU seeking for certification;
- 2. Audit planning and document review;
- 3. Field audit on representative samples of forest sites and operation within the FMU;
- 4. Stakeholder consultation involving private interviews, discussions or small group meetings with local communities surrounding the FMU;
- 5. Closing Meeting with representative of FMU 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 FMU.

As part of the audit process for forest management certification, SIRIM QAS International invites stakeholders to provide comments and feedback on the Pahang FMU 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 <u>www.sirim-qas.com.my</u>. 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 Pahang Forest Management Unit (FMU) for PEFC MTCS Forest Management Certification.

1. Your letter dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ refers.

- I would like to inform that I have /have no comments on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Forest Management Unit (FMU/<del>FPMU</del>) to be verified by the audit team during <del>Stage 2/surveillance</del>/recertification audit on the FMU/<del>FPMU</del>.
- 3. My comments are as follows: (please attach comment if the space below in 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	: