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Attn: Mr Andrew Kluth/ Peter Heng

4 March 2015

Dear Mr Kluth/Heng

RE: Complaint - PT Kartika Prima Cipta/Golden Agri resources Ltd

With reference to the complaint lodged by the Forest People Programme on 14 October 2014.

The Complaints Panel (the Panel) has reviewed your reply dated 18 December 2014 and also the subsequent email reply dated 16 February 2015

The Panel believes that there are reasonable grounds that GAR has breached the RSPO Principles and Criteria namely:

- 1.Principle 2 Compliance with National laws and regulations by not possessing Hak Guna Usaha for 16 of the 18 subsidiaries for which an NPP notification has been submitted.
- 2.Principle 7 Responsible Development of New Planting; notably: Principle 7.3.2 (M) A comprehensive HCV assessment, including stakeholder consultation, shall be conducted prior to any conversion or new planting.
- 3. The HCV assessments submitted for PT Kartika Prima Cipta has also been found to be inadequate and potentially misleading.
- 4.Principle 7.5 No new plantings are established on local peoples' land where it can be demonstrated that there are legal, customary or user rights, without their free, prior and informed consent. This is dealt with through a documented system that enables these and other stakeholders to express their views through their own representative institutions.

GAR/PTKPC have not got the full consent of the communities on the concession to utilize their land for the purposes of oil palm development.

As such, the Panel would like GAR/KCP to do the following:

- i. Confirm that all development on the properties have been halted pending the resolution of the issues that are the subject matter of the complaint.
- ii. Furnish a detailed reply to the Panel on each of the allegations.



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We look forward to your response by 15 March 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Ravin Krishnan

Complaints Coordinator

On behalf of the Complaints Panel of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

c.c. Marcus Colchester - Forest People Programme