



# Forest Peoples Programme

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Dear Jouko,

Last night we learned from our field contacts that your wholly owned subsidiary PT RAPP, brought in 7-10 heavy, earth-moving machines onto the customary lands of the community of Teluk Binjai, on the north bank of the Kampar river, apparently ready to start land clearance operations in the coming days.

As you are well aware, the very same community has only recently written to PT RAPP and APRIL expressing opposition to PT RAPP's plans to develop *Acacia* plantations on their lands.

These circumstances leave us little choice but to conclude that APRIL has abandoned its commitments to industry best practice and to the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

Our doubts about APRIL/ PT RAPP's good faith are reinforced by the fact that we have still not received any formal response to our various letters of May and August 2009 (attached) and to the repeated appeals from the communities that APRIL/ PT RAPP not go ahead with the establishment of plantations on their lands.

Despite promises, we have had no reply to our appeals for information and for APRIL to pursue a just process in the Kampar.

We ask: for urgent and fully public explanations; for a withdrawal of PT RAPP machines from community lands in the Kampar; for a detailed clarification for how you plan to re-start open discussions with the community and; for an end to intimidation.

Yours sincerely

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cc. TFD Steering Committee  
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