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Jefri Saragih, Sawit Watch  
Marchus Colchester, Forest Peoples Programme  
Rukaiyah Rofiq, Yayasan SETARA Jambi

2 July 2013

Dear all

**Re: Sale of PT Asiatic Persada**

Your letter dated 7 July 2013 refers. We would like to address some of the issues raised in your letter as follows:

Wilmar and the owners were bound by a Confidentiality Clause in the Sales & Purchase Agreement to keep strictly confidential all information relating to the sale of PT Asiatic Persada (PT AP) and its operations. Hence we could not disclose the sale of PT AP to anyone, not even to our employees.

Furthermore, there is no explicit requirement under the RSPO Code of Conduct to communicate to any parties a commercial decision like the sale of a property. As per our earlier letter, we did inform the mediation team of the sale by meeting them and - through our letter dated 30 March 2013 - of the sale. We were hoping that the mediation team could reach out to all the affected parties because all this while, they have been the main channel of communication between Wilmar and the affected communities.

We have reiterated to the new owners the importance of continuing with the mediation process and have offered our assistance to ensure a smooth transition.

In this connection, we are trying to arrange for the representatives of the new owners to meet CAO again around mid July, and are awaiting CAO's confirmation of their availability.

By doing this, we feel we are still upholding the RSPO Code of Conduct and acting responsibly.

With reference to the notice of the sale advertised in Sinar Harapan, we would like to clarify that this notice was published by the buyer, not Wilmar.

We trust the above clarifies Wilmar position.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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