

Wilmar Launches Its First Sustainability Report

Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar") has published its first Sustainability Report which looks at the environmental and social performance of the company's Oil Palm Plantation and Mill Division over the 2009 calendar year.

The report highlights five dimensions of sustainability that are relevant to our industry, and of interest to our stakeholders, and looks at the Group's performance at each of these areas: 1) Sustainability Governance & Strategy; 2) Environmental Performance; 3) Employees; 4) Community; and 5) Marketplace

Specifically, the report also details the Group's Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certification progress, as well as key targets, some of which are listed below:

- All Indonesian mills and plantations to complete RSPO Principles & Criteria (P&C) certification audits by 2013;
- All Malaysian mills and plantations to complete RSPO P&C certification audits by 2010;
- All existing associated smallholders in Kalimantan, Indonesia and the remaining regions in Malaysia/Indonesia to complete RSPO P&C certification audits by 2013 and 2016 respectively;
- No use of paraquat (herbicide) by 2011.

Wilmar's Group Head for CSR, Mr Jeremy Goon, said, "The publication of this report marks a significant step towards greater transparency and constructive engagement with our stakeholders. This report reiterates our commitment towards sustainable development, as it attempts to respond to the needs and concerns of a wide range of stakeholders, highlighting the challenges facing the industry and the Group alike, and how we are working to tackle these key sustainability issues and find opportunities whilst continuing to generate value for our business and communities."

Our approach to reporting is guided by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an internationally-accepted framework for reporting an organisation's economic, environmental and social performance. Part of the GRI's criteria is for a sustainability report to undergo third-party verification or assurance. Said Mr Goon, "We felt it is important to give our stakeholders an external assurance of the Report's integrity, with emphasis on the views of key stakeholders familiar with our operations. For this reason, we have invited an expert with an in-depth understanding of our efforts on the ground and strong links in the NGO community to provide an opinion about the materiality and responsiveness of the report."

Our Sustainability Report 2009 can be downloaded from the Wilmar website at www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability/resources_sustainabilityreports.htm. If you require a printed copy, please write in to our CSR Manager, Ms Sharon Chong at sharon.chong@wilmar.com.sg