



PRESS RELEASE

JPIK Demands Revocation of APP & APRIL Group's SVLK Certificate

Pekanbaru, 27th February 2013. The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) is investigating 14 companies which involved in corruption cases that include some of high-profile officials and also Riau Governor, HM Rusli Zainal. This is a fact that the effort for improvement on good forestry management still far away from the word of success. Another interesting fact, from that 14 companies there are some companies who already got their certification on Timber Legality Assurance System (SVLK)-one of tools that published by Government of Indonesia as an effort towards good forestry governance. Independent Forestry Monitoring Network (JPIK) is questioning the certificates for those companies and the stakeholders (Independent Auditor) who issued that certificates.

Based on the data and informations gathered by Focal Point JPIK of Province Riau who is focusing their work in SVLK monitoring, 3 from that 14 companies got their certificate on Sustainable Forest Management (PHPL) and 7 companies got the certificate on Timber Legality Verification (VLK). All those companies are members of Asia Pacific Resources International Holdings Limited (APRIL) and Asia Pulp & Paper (APP) group.

Zainuri Hasyim, Focal Point JPIK of Riau said, " We did the monitoring on some of that troubled companies which applied of Sustainable Forest Management (PHPL) Certification on PT. Riau Andalan Pulp & Paper (RAPP) and PT. Arara Abadi. In the monitoring process, we were facing difficulties on data and information access about the certification process and also the result of the certification itself."

Zainuri also said from the monitoring result, there are issues on companies' performance whether from unfinished preconditions, social and ecology aspect and there is indication this fact covered by the companies and the institutions who did the assesment. "Indication on issues of companies' performance is stronger due to the KPK's investigations. That's why, the companies and the certification/assesment institutions should be responsible for the SVLK certificate that have been issued. National Committee of Accreditation (KAN) and Ministry of Forestry also responsible as well," said Zainuri Hasyim.

National Dynamist of JPIK, Abu Hasan Meridian said JPIK tried to put the root of the problem about permits in SVLK forums. Permits should be listed in dominant verifier not in co-dominant verifier in SVLK assessment. "How can we succeed to improve our forestry governance if the root of the problems is not considered as one of the main and important aspect to be assessed in SVLK," said Abu.

Abu also said, Riau cases show that unhealthy practices are still happening in permits submission process in forestry sector which involving both local and national officials. JPIK demand and ask the permits submission process to be included as important aspect or mandatory in SVLK assessment so the issuance of SVLK not becoming a legitimation of what the companies did. "We see what happened in Riau with alleged bribery (corruption) in permits submission process in forestry sector is a prove that the issuance of SVLK certificate-both PHPL and LK- for production forests in Riau are faulty. This cases should be an example for improvement of SVLK becoming more credible," said Abu.



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EDITOR'S NOTES:

- Timber Legality of Assurance System or SVLK is a requirement to fulfill legality of timber/ products which made based on multi-stakeholders agreement. It included standards, criteria, indicator, verifier, verification methods and assessment norms. Indo-TLAS or SVLK refers to Permenhut No P.38/Menhut-II/2009 which updated to P.68/Menhut-II/2011 and on 18 December 2012 updated to P.45/Menhut-II/2012.
- Assessment System for Performance of Sustainable Production Forest Management (PK-PHPL) is an assessment process of Sustainable Forest Management (PHPL) and Timber Legality Verification (VLK) to holders of timber commercial license. This includes standard, criteria, verifier, verification methods and assessment norms.
- Independent Forestry Monitoring Network (JPIK) has been agreed and declared on 23rd September 2010 by 29 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and NGOs Network from Aceh to Papua. Establishment of JPIK is a form of commitment to actively contribute in improving good governance in forestry sector and also to ensure credibility and accountability of Assessment System for Performance of Sustainable Forest Management (PK-PHPL) and Timber Legality Verification (VLK). This is as stated-but not limited- in Policy of Minister of Forestry Permenhut P38/2009 jo P68/2011 and its derivatives.
- Until February 2013, JPIK's members including 41 bodies and 269 individuals. JPIK has a role to monitoring the implementation of Indo-TLAS or SVLK, from accreditation process, assessment/verification on businesses, until export process. Monitoring results done by JPIK submitted as advices for auditor and also as complaints to ensure the credibility of Indo-TLAS or SVLK.

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LIST OF FORESTRY COMPANIES IN RIAU THAT UNDER INVESTIGATION OF KPK

No.	NAME	GROUP
1	PT RIAU ANDALAN PULP & PAPER	APRIL
2	PT MERBAU PELALAWAN LESTARI	APRIL
3	PT MITRA KEMBANG SELARAS	APRIL
4	PT CITRA SUMBER SEJAHTERA	APRIL
5	PT BUKIT BETABUH SEI INDAH	APRIL
6	PT SUNTARA GAJA PATI	APP
7	PT RIMBA MANDAU LESTARI	APP
8	PT ARARA ABADI	APP
9	PT WANA ROKAN BONAI PERKASA	APP
10	PT ANUGERAH BUMI SEJAHTERA	APRIL
11	PT MADUKURO	APRIL
12	PT BINA DUTA LAKSANA	APP
13	PT INHIL HUTAN PRATAMA	APP
14	PT NUSA PRIMA MANUNGGAL	APRIL

COMPANIES WITH PHPL CERTIFICATE

No.	COMPANY	ASSESSMENT INSTITUTIONS	GROUP	PERMITS	AREA	LOCATION	TIME OF ASSESSMENT	CERTIFICATE	
								NO	PERIOD OF VALIDITY
1	PT RIAU ANDALAN PULP & PAPER	PT MUTU AGUNG LESTARI	APRIL	SK.327/Menhut-II/2009 dated on June 12, 2009	350.165	Regency of Kampar, Kuansing, Pelalawan, Siak, Kep. Meranti	UNKNOWN	LP_PHPL-008/MUTU/FM-001	20-10-2010 until 19-10-2013
2	PT ARARA ABADI	PT SARBI INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION	APP	SK 743/Kpts-II/1996 dated on November 25, 1996	299.975	Regency of Bengkalis, Siak, Kampar, Rokan Hilir, Pelalawan, Dumai	UNKNOWN	07-SIC-04.01	16-04-2011 until 15-04-2014
3	PT BINA DUTA LAKSANA	PT EQUALITY INDONESIA	APP	SK 207/Menhut-II/2006 dated on June 8, 2006	28.890	Regency of Indragiri Hilir	UNKNOWN	007/EQC-PHPL/XI/2011	25-11-2011 until 24-11-2014

COMPANIES WITH TIMBER LEGALITY (LK) CERTIFICATE

NO	COMPANY	ASSESSMENT INSTITUTIONS	GROUP	PERMITS	AREA	LOCATION	TIME OF ASSESSMENT	CERTIFICATE	
								NO.	PERIOD OF VALIDITY
1	PT MERBAU PELALAWAN LESTARI	PT MUTU AGUNG LESTARI	APRIL	IUIPHHK-HTI SK 69/Menhut-II/2007	5.970	Regency of Pelalawan Riau	December 2012	LVLK-003/MUTU/LK-087	08-01-2013 until 07-01-2016
2	PT MITRA KEMBANG SELARAS	PT MUTU AGUNG LESTARI	APRIL	IUIPHHK-HTI SK 71/Menhut-II/2007	14.800	Regency of Indragiri Hulu	December 2012	LVLK-003/MUTU/LK-088	08-01-2013 until 07-01-2016
3	PT CITRA SUMBER SEJAHTERA	PT MUTU AGUNG LESTARI	APRIL	IUIPHHK-HTI SK 68/Menhut-II/2007	15.360	Regency of Indragiri Hulu	December 2012	LVLK-003/MUTU/LK-090	08-01-2013 until 07-01-2016

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4	PT BUKIT BETABUH SEI INDAH	PT MUTU AGUNG LESTARI	APRIL	IUIPHHK-HTI SK 67/Menhut- II/2007	13.420	Regency of Indragiri Hulu	December 2012	LVLK- 003/MUTU/LK- 089	08-01- 2013 until 07-01- 2016
5	PT SUNTARA GAJA PATI	PT TUV RHEINLAND INDONESIA	APP	IUIPHHK-HTI NO. 71/Kpts-II/2001 dated on March 15,2001	34.972	Kota Dumai	June 2012	824 303 1200008	09-07- 2012 until 08-07- 2015
6	PT RIMBA MANDAU LESTARI	PT TUV RHEINLAND INDONESIA	APP	KEPUTUSAN BUPATI SIAK NOMOR: 05/IUPHHK/I/2003	5.630	Regency of Siak	November 2012	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
7	PT BINA DUTA LAKSANA	PT EQUALITY INDONESIA	APP	SK 207/Menhut- II/2006 dated on June 8,2006	28.890	Regency of Indragiri Hilir	UNKNOWN	004/EQC- VLK/II/2011	25-11- 2011 until 24-11- 2014

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