

## Public Notification Letter

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To: Interested Parties  
From: SCS Global Services  
Date: 12 August 2019  
Re: Notification of Pending FSC Forest Management Certification of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri

**Summary: As part of an FSC certification assessment, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the forest management of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri. Please comment via email or call our offices or representatives to discuss (contact info below).**

PT Hutan Ketapang Industri is seeking Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification assessment. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

PT Hutan Ketapang Industri manages 97,891.38 hectares of plantation forest in Ketapang Regency, West Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. The harvested species is:

***Natural Rubber Latex: Hevea brasiliensis***

### Scope and Certification Evaluation Process

SCS Global Services (SCS), an FSC-accredited certification body based in Emeryville, California, will conduct this FSC evaluation.

Performance of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri will be evaluated against the FSC Harmonised Certification Bodies' Forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of Indonesia and Addendum to the Rainforest Alliance Interim Standard of Certification of Management of Natural Rubber (*Hevea brasiliensis*) in South and South East Asia. A copy of the standard is available from <https://ic.fsc.org/indonesia.622.htm> or SCS upon request.

The evaluation process includes the following phases:

- Public notification: distribution of the standard and solicitation of comments on the certification of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri audit planning and document review;
- Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by a team of auditors;

- Stakeholder consultation;
- Synthesis of findings: Compliance with the standard is ascertained and the certification decision is formulated;
- Reporting: A draft report describing the evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
- Peer Review
- Delivery of final certification report;
- Certification decision: a public summary of the certification report is released, if certification is awarded.

### **Call for Public Participation**

SCS welcomes comments on the forest management of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri or other topics pertinent to their seeking FSC certification, such as whether PT Hutan Ketapang Industri complies with the legal, social, technical, and environmental requirements of the standard or identification of high conservation value forests<sup>1</sup> within the lands of PT Hutan Ketapang Industri. Comments can be submitted via email, standard mail, or facsimile to the Lead Auditor. The audit team can make arrangements to allow stakeholders to meet with them during the evaluation upon request. All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter.

### **Dates**

The field evaluation is scheduled to commence during 30 September - 5 October 2019. SCS will make arrangements to meet with interested parties during the evaluation if appropriate, but it is preferred that comments are submitted before the evaluation commences.

### **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Quality Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties at <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/your-feedback>

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<sup>1</sup>High Conservation Value Forests possess one or more of the following attributes: a) forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant: concentrations of biodiversity values (eg. endemism, endangered species, refugia); and/or large landscape level forests, contained within, or containing the management unit, where viable populations of most if not all naturally occurring species exist in natural patterns of distribution and abundance b) forest areas that are in or contain rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems c) forest areas that provide basic services of nature in critical situations (eg. watershed protection, erosion control) d) forest areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities (eg. subsistence, health) and/or critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity (areas of cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance identified in cooperation with such local communities). Also see Principle 9, in the FSC Principles and Criteria.

### Additional Information

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org) and [www.SCSglobalServices.com](http://www.SCSglobalServices.com).

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Thank you for your help and participation.

Best regards,