# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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CLIENT NAME: PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang

TOTAL HECTARES:

13,354.40

SCOPE OF

**REGISTRATION:** 

Sustainable Forest Management of 13,354.40 of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARDS/CRITERIA:

IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT:

Recertification

AUDIT START DATE:

July 19, 2022

AUDIT END DATE:

July 22, 2022

In signing this document the Audit team confirms that they have had no involvement with the company under audit in terms of consultancy, training, direct employment etc. within the last 2 years and have no other involvement (financial, shareholding or commercial) that would constitute a Conflict of

Interest

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#### Brief Description of the concession

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang initially obtained its permit concession based on the IUPHHK-HTI permit of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari which was issued based on Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.208/Menhut-II/2007, dated May 25, 2007 concerning Amendments to the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.262/Menhut-II/2004 jo No. SK.99/Menhut-II/2006 concerning the Granting of a Timber Forest Product Utilization Business Permit (IUPHHK) in a Plantation Forest to PT Sumatera Riang Lestari over a forest area of approximately 65,000 hectares in North Sumatra Province. The changes in the decision regarding the IUPHHK-HTI working area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari to around 215,305 ha consisting of 67,230 ha in North Sumatra Province and 148,075 ha in Riau Province. The total area of PT Sumatra Riang Lestari Block V Rangsang determined by the Decree No. 208/Menhut-II/2007 dated May 25, 2007 is 18,890 ha. There was a conversion of natural forest to plantation forest on December 31, 2010 of 5,535.60 ha. Thus, the scope of certification is 13,354.40 hectares.

The Management Unit has a management plan as stated in the Revised Work Plan for the Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forests (RKUPHHK-HTI) for 2017 to 2026. This RKUPHHK-HTI is approved based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry No. SK.6054/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/6/2019 dated June 28, 2019. The spatial layout of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block V Rangsang according to the RKUPHHK-HTI is Staple Plant Area of 8,763 ha (46.39%), Livelihood Plants Area of 3,782 (20.02%) and Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas of 6,345 ha (33.59%), with a total of 18,890 Ha (100%). The Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas consist of KPPN/KPSL of 360 Ha (1.91%), River Border of 1,241 Ha (6.57%), Buffer Zone of 522 Ha (2.76%), and Other Protected Area of 4,222 Ha (22.35%).

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang is administratively located in the Rangsang and Rangsang Pesisir District, Kepulauan Meranti Regency, Riau Province. Geographically, it is located between 00 ° 52'43.0" to 01° 05" 27.0" North and 102° 52' 54.0" to 103° 07' 17.0" East. The area consists of Tropohemitic, Tropofibrist and Troposaprist, which are peat soil types. Based on the geology, it consists of young alluvium and old alluvium. The Management Unit area is mostly Wetland Ecosystem Type (Peatland). It is part of Gayung River forest group and located at flat topography (0-8%) with an altitude of 5 to 10 meters above sea level. The climate type is A with rainfall of 1,611 mm/year. The cultivated plant is *Acacia crassicarpa*.

The entire working area is peat land based on the Peat Ecosystem Function Map at a scale of 1: 250,000 issued by the Ministry Environmental and Forestry (Attachment to Minutes No.BA.046/UHP/RKUPHT/HPL.I/3/2017 dated March 20, 2017. Detailed plans for restoring the function of the peat ecosystem are described in the Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan Document, Determination of Groundwater Level Compliance Points and Rainfall Monitoring Station Points for PT Sumatera Riang Lestari (including Blok V Rangsang) based on the Decree of the Director General of Pollution and Environmental Damage Control No.SK.135/PPKL/PKG/PKL.0/11/2018 dated November 29, 2019. Measurement of Water Level (TMA) or Water Table to avoid subsidence rates as required in PP No. 57 of 2016 and Director General of Pollution and Environmental Damage Control Regulation No. 10 of 2018.

# Description of the socio-economic conditions of the concession and the concession's social programs

There are seventeen villages around the Management Unit spread over two districts in Kepulauan Meranti Regency. There are no indigenous people within the area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang. According to the Report on Potential Mapping and Conflict Resolution in Semester I of 2022, there was a Partnership for Livelihood Plant between PT Sumatra Riang Lestari and nine villages around the concession. There is agreement in Community of Fire Awareness with five villages as well.

There are no communities that utilize non-timber forest product, according to the report of non-timber forest product utilization and the village head's statement. Based on the results of verification and field observations during the

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recertification period and activities, there were no grazing activities and community livestock populations in the working area, except in the land claim areas. There are disturbances in the Management Unit area where the most prominent problems are encroachment and land claims. In general, land the is cleared and planted with oil palm. Some are also planted with rubber and built houses/huts. The perpetrators come from various elements, there are individuals, community groups and oil palm plantation companies. However, various efforts have been made by the Management Unit, starting from an approach, socialization, even reporting to the authorities to the court to resolve the problem. There were no other forest disturbance activities such as illegal logging and illegal mining.

There was a CSR assistance from the company which was used to renovate religious facilities and public facilities for community needs. The Management Unit also opens the opportunity for the community to become labour for companies. There is also cooperation in fighting land fires. If there is a fire in the village, the company will aid extinguish the fire, even though it is located outside the concession.

#### Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang has identified areas that function for the protection of soil and water and has implemented appropriate steps to protect the area from damage due to forest management operations, namely by allocating a peat ecosystem protected function area (KFLEG) of 6,273 Ha (33.21%). This area is spread in some location of Protected Area, namely:

- River border area of of 720 ha (3.81%),
- KPPN/KPSL of 308 ha (1.63%),
- Other Protected Areas of 5,245 ha (27.77%).

The Management Unit has identified and monitored disturbances in Sustainable Forest Management. Documents resulting from the identification of forest management disturbances found in the PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang area through the ANDAL, RKL and RPL in 2004 and RKUPHHK-HTI of 2018 to 2027. According to the document, the identified disturbances in its sustainable forest management are forest fire, land encroachment and pests and plant diseases. The Management Unit has established Documented Procedures, infrastructure, and human resources foranticipatory steps, prevention, and measurable handling in protecting forests from disturbances. In addition, there is infrastructure and human resources for pre-emptive, preventive and measurable measures to protect forests from disturbance.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang has implemented forest protection measures against fire hazards. The RKL/RPL Implementation Report Document contains several reports related to this matter, namely Early Identification of Fire Hazards, which includes Identification of Fire Prone Areas, Rainfall Reports, Patrol Reports, Signboard Data and Monitoring Conditions. The Management Unit has Forest Fire Infrastructure Facilities which consist of canal management facilities on peat, forest fire management post, and early warning facilities. As for firefighters, the Management Unit has personal and team equipment, hand tools, mechanical equipment for special firefighting vehicles, data processing and communication facilities, and transportation.

#### Results of the Public Consultation

Before carrying out the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted public consultations commencing June 22, 2022, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website (<a href="www.ajaindonesia.com">www.ajaindonesia.com</a>), sent to parties via e-mail or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia did not receive any input from stakeholders during the public consultations.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang, the reported cases being piven material consideration as part of the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia audit process.

The Management Unit has identified all the requirements needed for this certification process, consisting of legal

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aspects that include compliance with rules and regulations, and international conventions. The management system has been established to cover all activities in the certification field, which is registered for an area of 13,354.40 hectares.

Findings on the certified client conformity with the certification requirements and description of critical issues in relation to the conformity.

The results of this Recertification Audit is zero non-conformity. The Management Unit operates effectively.

#### Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate is valid until December 13, 2025, provided that PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok V Rangsang maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential Major non-conformity at the next Surveillance.

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