Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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CLIENT NAME: PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro TOTAL HECTARES: 25,320 SCOPE OF Sustainable Forest Management of 25,320 hectares of Plantation Forest in North **REGISTRATION:** Sumatra Province STANDARD/CRITERIA: **IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification (HYBRID) In signing this document the Audit team confirms that they have AUDIT START DATE: February 21, 2022 had no involvement with the company under audit in terms of consultancy, training, direct employment etc. within the last 2 AUDIT END DATE: February 24, 2022 years and have no other involvement (financial, shareholding or commercial) that would constitute a Conflict of Interest LEAD AUDITOR: Abdullah Mujahid SIGNATURE: AUDIT TEAM: Ence Hedi Hasan Zubaedi SIGNATURE: Abdul Salam SIGNATURE: HYBRID AUDITOR: Agung Utama Lubis SIGNATURE: **OBSERVER:** Qodly Zaka Syahtriawan SIGNATURE: Inggita Nuri Prihantini SIGNATURE:

MAJOR CARS: 0

MINOR CARS: 0

SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro	Torganda District, South Labuhan Batu District and Simangabat District, North Padang Lawas Regency, North Sumatra Province – Indonesia	February 21 to 24, 2022
SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL SITES NOT VISITED BUT STILL COVERED BY THE REGISTRATION INCLUDING COUNTRY- TO BE COMPLETED IF CLIENT IS UNDER A SITE SAMPLING AUDIT PLAN	
N/A		

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Brief Description of the concession

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro concession permit was obtained based on Decree No. 208/Menhut-II/2007 dated May 25, 2007 is 25,320 Ha. There is no natural forest conversion after December 31, 2010, thus the entire area of the concession is certified by IFCC. The current long-term plan RKUPHHK-HTI runs for period of 2017 to 2028. It is legalized by the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry No. 6054/menLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/6/2019 dated June 28, 2019. The layout of the concession is Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas ofe 5,119 Ha (20.22%), Staple Plant Area of 15,129 Ha (59.75%) and Livelihood Plant Area of 5,072 Ha (20.03%).

Geographically, the concession of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro is located at 01° 26' 08" to 01° 37'08" North and 100° 11' 26" to 100° 23' 57" East. It is included in the Kebaro River Forest Group and falls under the government administration of Kosik Putih Village, Simangambat District, North Padang Lawas Regency, and Sei Meranti Village and Torganda Village, Torgamba District, South Labuhan Batu Regency, North Sumatra Province. The concession has site boundaries, as follows:

- North side: PTPN III Bukit Tujuh, PTPN III Sei Meranti, PT Torganda
- East side : PT Sinar Belantara Indah
- South side : PT Torganda and community land
- West side : PT Torganda

The type of land is dry with topography of flat (0-8%) covering an area of 20,631 and sloping (08-15%) of 4,689 ha. The altitude is at 75 m to 280 m above sea level. The soil types consisted of podsolic, podsolic-gleisol-regosol, podsolic-gleisol and gleisol-kambisal-alluvial. The geological formation consists of alluvium and volcanic rocks. The concession area is crossed by Daun Watershed with the main rivers being the Bagan Kundur, Bagan Titirah, Hitam and Kebaro rivers. The types of plants being cultivated are *Eucalyptus* Sp and *Acacia crassicarpa*.

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

The communities in and around the PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro area are generally dominated by the Batak, Nias and Javanese people. The livelihoods of the community consist of the fields of agriculture, plantation, and trade. The residents are local people. There are no customary law communities around the concession.

The efforts to resolve conflicts with the surrounding community are poured in the conflict resolution mechanisms related to community rights. Until 2021, there are three claim cases that are still in the process of resolution and in handle by the regional government.

As conflict prevention and fulfillment of community rights, PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro has provided access to the community to utilize forest resources that have an economical function, such as rattan and fish for sale. Other adequate support to the community around the company are aids in the sectors of education, health, religious, economic, infrastructure and social and environment. The assistance provided was in the form of heavy equipment assistance for road repairs, school assistance, and assistance against the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the village parties, PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro has provided the job opportunity by posting information or vacancies at the village office. The Management Unit has established good communication and consultation with the local communities, as well as other relevant parties.

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Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

The forest ecosystem and hydrological function management are performed through the following activities:

- Identification of forest management activities that have significant impacts, and conduct environmental impact assessments through Environmental Evaluation Document (DELH) 2020, revised RKUPHHK of 2017 to 2026, and environmental management and monitoring per semesters of 2021,
- Implementation of Reduced Impact Logging activities before, during and after logging activities,
- Identification of areas that function for water soil protection and allocated the area as Local Protected Area and Other Protected Areas, namely River Borders and KPPN/KPSL,
- Monitoring the negative impacts of forest management activities in accordance with the Environmental Evaluation Document, 2020, and documented procedures, as well as the controlled use of B3 (Hazardous and Toxic Materials).

The Management Unit carried out biodiversity management through the following activities:

- Identification and inventory of protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna and their habitats and movement patterns in accordance with applicable regulations. The results of the identification and inventory can be found in Environmental Evaluation Document, 2020, and Revised RKUPHHK 2017 to 2026 and RKL/RPL Semester Reports for Semesters I and II in 2021 and distribution maps of protected flora and fauna,
- Management of protected areas in accordance with the documented procedure,
- Implementation of environmental impact assessment on the potential impacts on protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna,
- Not developing genetically modified tree species but *Eucalyptus* sp.

The forest protection is implemented through the following activities:

- Identify and monitor disturbances in its forest management,
- Prevention and handling of pest attacks,
- Regulate the management of chemical pesticides in the field with documented procedures,
- Forest protection measures against fire hazards,
- Prohibition of livestock grazing activities by the community

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to undertaking the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted Public Consultation commencing January 14, 2022, which asked stakeholders to provide feedback and information on PT. Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website (<u>www.ajaindonesia.com</u>), sent to related parties via email and postal mail, and announced in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia received no input from stakeholders during the public consultation.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro, such reported cases being given material consideration in the audit process conducted by PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro has identified all the necessary requirements for this certification process, comprising legal aspects that include compliance with international regulations and conventions. The established management system includes all field activities for certification, which is registered for an area of 25,320 hectares.

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

The results of the Recertification Audit of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro, no Non-Conformities (NC) of either a Major or Minor nature were identified by the audit team. No critical issues were identified.

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Conditions under which the certificate is issued

The certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00004/IV/2015 is valid until April 19, 2025, provided that PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro maintains its surveillance schedule and does not have any major non-conformities at the time of the next surveillance visit.