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CLIENT NAME:	PT SUMATERA RIANG LESTARI BLOK I SEI KEBARO		
TOTAL HECTARES:	25,184		
SCOPE OF REGISTRATION:	Sustainable Forest Management of 25,184 Hectares of Plantation Forest in North Sumatra Province		
STANDARD/CRITERIA:	IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		
TYPE OF AUDIT:	Surveillance 1		
AUDIT START DATE:	February 14, 2023	In signing this document the Audit team confirmed that they 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	
AUDIT END DATE:	February 17, 2023		
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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:		
Head office	Jl. Sei Duku No. 333, Kelurahan Tanjung Rhu, Kecamatan Lima Puluh, Pekanbaru, 28143, Riau Provinsi, Indonesia	February 14, 2023		
Site	Blok I Sei Kebaro - Kabupaten Labuhan Batu Selatan, Kecamatan Torgamba dan Kabupaten Padang Lawas Utara, Kecamatan Simangambat, Sumatera Utara, Indonesia	February 17, 2023		
SITE NAME	ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL SITES NOT VISITED BUT STILL COVERED BY THE REGISTRATION			
(Legal	INCLUDING COUNTRY- TO BE COMPLETED IF CLIENT IS UNDER A SITE SAMPLING AUDIT			
Name):	PLAN			
N/A				

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Brief Description of the concession

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro obtained its recent Forest Utilization Permit based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia Number: SK.645/MENLHK/SETJEN/HPL.2/6/2022 dated June 30, 2022 concerning the fourth amendment to the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.262/Menhut-II/2004. The total area of the main company of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari is 173,971 Ha. Meanwhile, the working area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro is 25,184 Ha. The latest decree changes the nomenclature of IUPHHK-HT becomes PBPH (Forest Utilization Business Permit). There is no conversion after December 31, 2010, in PT Sumatra Riang Lestari Block I Sei Kebaro. The IFCC certified area is 25,184 Ha.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block I Sei Kebaro runs forest management operations based on the RKUPH document which was ratified based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number: SK.6479/MenLHK-PHL/PUPH/HPL.1/8/2022 dated August 12, 2022 concerning the Approval of Forest Utilization Business Work Plan (RKUPH) for the period of 2017 to 2026 on behalf of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari in North Sumatra and Riau Provinces.

In this Surveillance 1 Audit, there was a change in the spatial layout. The spatial layout based on the RKUPH of 2022 is as follows:

- 1) Protected Areas of 6,152 Ha (24.43%), consisting of 4,730 ha (18.78%) of riverbanks, 355 ha (1.41%) of KPPN/KPSL, and 1,067 ha (4.24%) of other protected areas.
- 2) Cultivation Areas of 19,032 Ha (75.57%) consisting of a plantation area of 18,137 Ha (72.02%), LOA area for NTFPs 88 Ha (0.35%), infrastructure of 578 Ha (2.30%), gardens, shrubs, and others of 229 Ha (0.91%).

Geographically, the location of the area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro is at 01° 26' 08" to 01° 10' 37" North and 100° 11' 26" to 100° 23' 57" East. It is part of the Kebaro River Forest Group. Based on Government administration it is in Kosik Putih Village, Simangabat District, Padang Lawas Utara Regency, and Sei Meranti Village and Torganda Village, Togamba District, Labuhan Batu Selatan Regency.

The boundaries of the working area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro are 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 condition of the land is in the form of dry land/land with flat topography (0-8%) of 20,631 (97%) and gently sloping (08-15%) of 4,689 ha (3%). The altitude of the place is at 75 m to 280 m above sea level. The soil types consist of 2,921 ha of Podzolic, 975 ha of Podzolic-Gleisol-Regosol Association, 16,554 ha of Podzolic-Gleisol Association and 4,870 ha of Gleisol-Kambisal-Alluvial Association. The geological formations consist of 3,894 ha of alluvium and 21,424 ha of volcanic rocks. The hydrological conditions are Daun River Basin (DAS), with the main rivers being the Bagan Kundur, Bagan Titirah, Hitam and Kebaro Rivers. The species of plants cultivated are *Eucalyptus sp, Acacia crassicarpa*.

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

The residents around the concession are mostly working in the agricultural sector (Social Impact Assessment Report, 2023). The population of Kosik Putih Village who work as farmers is 80.81% and in Torganda Village is 94.79%. other livelihoods are trade, teacher, civil servants, etc.

There are no indigenous peoples. This has been conveyed in the previous audit. Based on field verification, the characteristics of the community around the concession are local communities. This can be proven from the pattern of land ownership, livelihood patterns, and the origin of the local population.

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PT Sumatera Riang Lestari has made conflict resolution efforts with the surrounding community. There is a Chronology of Efforts to Settle the Sei Kebaro Estate Claim Area from December 2019. The claim settlement progress is currently in the process of awaiting the court decisions. There is a Report on Potential Mapping and Conflict Resolution of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block I Sei Kebaro in 2022. Based on the report, the conflict status of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block I Sei Kebaro is Controlled with a value of 37.02%.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro has collaborated on livelihood plants with the three villages. The handover of the benefits of livelihood plants to the local village has been carried out. According to a Village Secretary, the benefits of livelihood plants have been used to buy two units of Ambulance Cars for the needs of the villagers. As for the CSR programs being carried out include school equipment assistance, posyandu health equipment assistance, religious building material assistance, digital prayer schedule assistance for five villages, church material assistance, livestock development assistance, fish farming in tarpaulin ponds, main road repairs, assistance with sports equipment and youth activities. Based on the 2022 Community Development Program report, the realization of activities in 2022 is 194% of what was planned.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

The Management Unit has identified forest management activities that have significant impacts and conducted an environmental impact assessment. PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kabaro has carried out environmentally friendly harvesting activities (Reduced Impact Logging/RIL). Several RIL SOPs/Procedures owned by The Management Unit have regulated the implementation of RIL properly and correctly, this considers the type of ecosystem and hydrological conditions. Periodic monitoring of the impact on physical and biological environmental conditions includes:

- Condition of vegetation cover in protected areas
- Density and diversity of vegetation in protected areas and production areas
- Types and diversity of wildlife in protected areas
- Presence of wildlife in the production area
- Pests and plant diseases
- Forest protection, including monitoring forest fires, encroachment, illegal logging etc.

The Management Unit has conducted B3 (Hazardous and Toxic Materials) waste management with the aim of preventing and reversing environmental pollution and/or damage caused by B3 waste. The Management Unit has a B3 Waste TPS permit approved by the Head of the Investment and Integrated Licensing Services Office of South Labuhanbatu Regency with no: 503/0008/DPMPPTSP-LS/LB3/VI/2018. The decree is valid for 5 years.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok I Sei Kebaro has identified key species within the concession area. Based on the identification results contained in the RKL and RPL documents, it was found that the Sumatran elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) is a key species that exists. The Management Unit has mapped the distribution of the Sumatran elephant and its tracking area. The Management Unit has identified and mapped riparian areas and natural forest ecosystems which are Areas for Genetic Resources (ASDG) and areas that are part of an important landscape that has natural distribution and abundance of flora and fauna species as Germplasm Preservation Areas (KPPN). The entire area has been designated by the Management Unit as a protected/conservation area where logging (production) activities are prohibited and has been mapped on the "Protected Areas Within Working Areas" map with a scale of 1:65,000.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block I Sei Kebaro has identified possible disturbances to forest resources in its working area. The Management Unit also carries out infrastructure development and prepares human resources to handle forest fire disturbances, consisting of:

- Build security posts at the entrance to the work area,
- Construction of fire monitoring towers,
- Making water reservoirs for fire tank cars,
- Form a firefighter team,
- Provide fire fighting equipment and supplies,

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- Conduct regular forest patrols,
- Identify fire prone areas,
- Conduct outreach about protected areas and the boundaries of the work area to the surrounding community and contractor workers.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Surveillance 1 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted public consultations starting January 12, 2023, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Unit Blok I Sei Kebaro. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website (<u>www.ajaindonesia.com</u>), sent to parties by e-mail or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia does not accept input from the Public Consultation.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Unit Blok I Sei Kebaro. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia audit process.

The Management Unit has identified all the necessary requirements for this certification process, which consist of legal aspects which include compliance with international rules and regulations and conventions. A management system has been developed to cover all certification activities, which are registered for certification covering an area of 25,184 hectares.

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

The result of the Surveillance 1 Audit is no non-conformity in either the major or minor categories.

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 Unit Blok I Sei Kebaro maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Surveillance.