Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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ORGANIZATION NAME: KELOMPOK TANI HUTAN HAK PARIT LIMBAH TOTAL HECTARES: 415 Ha SCOPE OF Sustainable Forest Management of 415 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province **REGISTRATION:** STANDARD/CRITERIA: **IFCC SFM & ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification In signing this document, the Audit team confirms that they have AUDIT START DATE: 5 May 2025 had no involvement with the company under audit in terms of consultancy, training, direct employment etc. within the last 2 AUDIT END DATE: 7 May 2025 years and have no other involvement (financial, shareholding or commercial) that would constitute a Conflict of Interest SIGNATURE: LEAD AUDITOR: Agung Utama Lubis AUDIT TEAM: Abdullah Mujahid SIGNATURE: SIGNATURE: Inggita Nuri Prihantini

MAJOR CARS: 0

MINOR CARS: 0

SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF ORGANIZATION SITES VISITED including countries	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:	
Head office	Desa Sering, Kecamatan Pelalawan, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Provinsi Riau	5 May 2025	
Site	Desa Sering, Kecamatan Pelalawan, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Provinsi Riau	6 - 7 May 2025	
SITE NAME	ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL SITES NOT VISITED BUT STILL COVERED BY THE REGISTRATION		
(Legal Name):	INCLUDING COUNTRY- TO BE COMPLETED IF CLIENT IS UNDER A SITE SAMPLING AUDIT PLAN		
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Brief Description of the concession

Management of Private Forest by Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah was based on Community Plantation Forest Business Cooperation Agreement between PT Nusa Prima Manunggal and Parit Limbah Farmers Group Pelalawan Estate No. 049/NPM/LGL/IV/2004. Addendum I of Community Forest Cooperation Agreement No. 07/NPM/LGL/III/2013 dated March 18, 2013. Addendum II of Community Forest Business Cooperation Agreement No. 14/NPM/LGL/IV/2019 dated April 1, 2019. Based on the Minutes of Cooperation of the Area of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah, Sering Village, Pangkalan Kerinci District. Forest Plantation Management Cooperation with Partner Companies. On January 10, 2020, the work area was 415 Ha.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah is a farmer group consisting of residents of Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency. The formation of the farmer group based on an interview with the head of the group was based on the desire of the Village Head at that time to improve the welfare of the community by utilizing idle land in the village area. The Parit Limbah Forest Farmers Group is located surrounded by the PT Riau Andalan Pulp And Paper factory area in Pelalawan Regency

There has been no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest in the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah area since December 31, 2010, as the entire work area is located on community land and not within a designated forest area. According to the Riau Provincial Forest Area Map (SK No. 905/MenLHK/SET-JEN/PLA.2/12/2016, dated December 7, 2016), the area is classified entirely as "Other Use Area" (APL). The certified area of the forest managed by Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah is 415 hectares, as well as the forest area of 415 ha on peatland. The geographical coordinates of the area are 00°29'00" – 00°33'00" N and 101°56'00" – 101°58'00" E, with the following boundaries: PT LIH to the north, the Parit Limbah Canal to the south, PT RAPP to the west, and community thickets to the east.

The concession area is a peat swamp with flat topography (0–8%) and an elevation between 5 to 10 meters above sea level. The area is developed for *Acacia crassicarpa* plantations with a four-year planting cycle. Based on the 2024 operational plan, ongoing forest management activities include harvesting, forest protection (monitoring and maintenance), and community engagement. The area is managed collaboratively between the Sering Village community and PT Nusa Prima Manunggal.

Peatland management is conducted in strict accordance with government regulations. A zoning system is applied for water governance, developed jointly with PT Nusa Prima Manunggal to effectively manage peat hydrology. There are no peat dome peaks within the concession. The organization ensures peatland protection by maintaining optimal water table levels for both planting success and peat integrity. Infrastructure for water management is constructed following the natural land contour and includes canal networks, canal barriers, and control structures for regulating water levels. Monitoring efforts cover groundwater levels, peat subsidence, pyrite oxidation, and water control to support sustainable peatland management.

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

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Based on interviews with Parit Limbah Farmers Group management, the village secretary, organizational staff, and field verification, it was confirmed that the surrounding community consists of local residents. The primary source of livelihood in the area is agriculture, particularly oil palm plantations. The organization has actively supported the development of a local forestry-based economy. Notable initiatives include the documented handover of assistance such as prayer mats and support for an orphanage by the farmer group to the management of the village mosque. Additionally, the group donated one sacrificial goat for the 2024 Eid al-Adha celebration, also recorded in official minutes.

Furthermore, the Organization has contributed to local employment by offering job opportunities to nearby residents. Evidence of these efforts includes publicly posted job vacancies for positions within the farmer group, announced through formal letters issued by both the group and PT Nusa Prima Manunggal. These initiatives reflect a commitment to community involvement and local economic empowerment.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah promotes climate-positive practices in forest management, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Key implementations include microclimate monitoring, no-burn land preparation, and efficient pesticide use. Pesticide application follows usage instructions and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), in compliance with Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No. 1 of 2007 and Law No. 19 of 2019 on the Stockholm Convention. As of the last audit, there were no hazardous materials in use and no waste generated from operations. If waste is produced, it is handled according to regulations and sent to a licensed facility, PT Nusa Prima Manunggal, as per the Minister of Environment and Forestry Decree No. 10311 of 2024. Transportation and disposal are managed through partnerships.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah enforces forest protection against disturbances through direct communication and informational signage. Forest operations on sensitive peatlands follow standard partner procedures and government regulations, such as PP No. 150 of 2000. These activities include peat subsidence monitoring and groundwater level management to prevent pyrite oxidation and forest fires. The organization also maintains biodiversity conservation based on the UKL-UPL document under Pelalawan Regency's Decree No. 660/Bapedalda/VIII/07/761. Protected, rare, and endangered species have been identified and inventoried, with no commercial exploitation. Regeneration uses studied species, avoiding genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in line with APRIL's GMO policy (February 2018). Non-timber forest product use, such as fish and honey, is monitored under a 2023 joint agreement, with no new agreements made in 2024.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has managed its protection functions to preserve soil and water quality. In 2024, no planting, harvesting, or maintenance operations took place, and typical activities occur only every four years to minimize damage. Efforts focus on managing peatland conditions, controlling emissions, and reducing the risk of forest fires. Infrastructure impacts are minimized by limiting land exposure, using low ground pressure equipment, utilizing plant residue, and maintaining canal networks. Water management infrastructure is built following contour lines and includes canals, drainage compartments, and peat dams spaced appropriately. Infrastructure conditions are regularly monitored and logged. Additionally, the organization implements Reduced Impact Logging to limit soil exposure and protect river systems and their natural functions.

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Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Recertification Audit, PT Acube TIC International conducted a public consultation starting 26 March 2025, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT Acube TIC International website (<u>www.ajaindonesia.com</u>), sent to parties by e-mail or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT Acube TIC International does not receive any input from stakeholders during public consultations.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT Acube TIC International audit process.

The Organization 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 activities in the area of certification, registered for a total of 415 hectares.

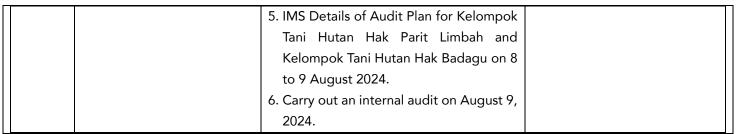
Organization progress record related to corrective action on findings of nonconformities in previous audit

Number	Non-Conformities	Corrective Action Performed in 2024	Closed out in 2025
1	The organization has not implemented internal audit activities in accordance with IFCC Standard ST 1001:2021 Sustainable Forest Management Requirements Clause 8.2.1 (Major)	 Create an Internal Auditor training plan according to IFCC ST 1001:2021. Already planned 3 personnel to take part in training. Plan to conduct an internal audit in accordance with IFCC ST 1001:2021 in the short term by collaborating with internal auditors of partner companies. PIC from PT Nusa Prima Manunggal as partner company of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has communicated with PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper to carry out an internal audit at the organization. There was an Internal audit scheduled in accordance with IFCC ST 1001:2021 was carried out by the Internal Auditor from PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper which was carried out on August 9, 2024. 	The Organization has performed the Internal Audit The audit results contained 3 non-conformities. Improvements have beer made and the non-conformities have been closed.

The Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 2 Audit result is 1 (one) non-conformity in Major category.

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

The results of Recertification Audit were no non-conformities. The management system operates effectively

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00046/VI/2019 is valid until 26 June 2028, provided that Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah maintains its Surveillance Audit schedule and has no potential major non-conformities in the next Surveillance Audit.

