



## **Water quality performance standards August 2010**

As a pioneer of sustainable forestry management in Indonesia, APRIL is committed to practising the highest standards of environmental management and safety across our entire operations, including our plantations and mill. One important indicator of environmental management performance is water quality, including natural water sources.

APRIL monitors water quality on a regular basis using international standards and procedures, with samples sent to approved external laboratories for analysis. External parties are also invited to independently monitor and verify environmental quality and performance, including water quality.

APRIL has been recognized for its efforts in this regard by Indonesia's Ministry of Environment under the national Program for Pollution Control Evaluation and Rating (PROPER), a government-implemented public reporting initiative to promote environmental impact management.

APRIL's integrated pulp and paper mills in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau, Indonesia received a **Green Rating** as a result of the government's annual environmental compliance checks, which indicate that our mill performance goes beyond legal compliance by at least 50% and uses clean and green technology that is continuously upgraded to minimize waste, prevent pollution and conserve resources.

Under the PROPER rating system, industrial companies are evaluated by the Environmental Impact and Management Agency (BAPEDAL) for their environmental performance on indicators such as air emissions and waste water management. The five-colour rating scheme (Gold, Green, Blue, Red and Black) reflects performance, from excellent to poor.

In line with its commitment to transparency, APRIL will continue to provide stakeholders with information on its sustainability efforts, which are accurate and verifiable representations of the Company's integrated E/OHS management systems and performance.

APRIL actively promotes and welcomes ongoing dialogue and cooperation with relevant parties, such as local NGOs and communities, as part of a cycle of continuous improvement in its environmental management, including the effective management of local water resources.