

## **Asian Agri Receives CDP Award for Best First Time Performance**

**Hong Kong, 31 January 2019** – As a company committed to traceable, responsible and sustainable production of palm oil, Asian Agri received the CDP Best First Time Performance Award 2018. The company was selected best company in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia from a pool of 173 companies that have completed the CDP questionnaire for the first time.

CDP, formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, is an independent non-profit organisation that runs a global disclosure system that enables companies, cities, states and regions to measure and manage their environmental impacts. It has engaged over 7,000 companies globally in measuring, disclosing, managing and sharing their climate strategies, GHG emissions, energy use and water information. It is the first time Asian Agri has participated in CDP.



CDP Hong Kong and Southeast Asia Award 2018 for Asian Agri as the Best first time performance.

Bernard A. Riedo, Director of Sustainability and Stakeholder Relations said, “We are proud to announce we have successfully received the Best First Time Performance Award. Being a new joiner of the programme, this recognition was not expected. For us, this achievement reflects the serious commitment our company has in implementing sustainability practices in our daily operations. Our teams work very hard to ensure that our businesses are well aligned with the national and international sustainability standards. As an agriculture

company, we have a very close connection with our environment; therefore, sustainability is a business imperative and the heart of our operations.”

Apart from implementing sustainability practices in its operations, Asian Agri also encourages its smallholder partners to implement the same sustainability practices in their own plantations by providing them with training on palm oil best practice management.

Asian Agri also spearheads a waste management programme. The company has built 10 Biogas Plants in North Sumatra, Riau and Jambi, aimed at reducing emissions and converting palm oil mill effluent (POME) into renewable energy for its operations and neighbouring communities.

**About Asian Agri:**

Asian Agri is one of Indonesia’s largest palm oil producers since 1979. Today, the company manages 100,000 hectares of land and employs over 25,000 people. A pioneer of the Indonesian government’s Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) programme, Asian Agri works with 30,000 plasma smallholders in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 hectares of palm oil plantations, as well as independent smallholders, bringing about positive impact on their quality of life and economic development.

Implementing a strict “no burn” policy and best practices in sustainable plantation management, Asian Agri has helped its smallholder partners improve productivity, yield and supply chain traceability, while assisting them obtain certifications. The company’s mills are technologically advanced and energy self-sufficient, minimising greenhouse gas emissions.

Asian Agri is a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces and 100% of scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified.

All plantations, including those owned by smallholders, have been certified by ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification).

More than 93% of plantations and mills owned by Asian Agri have been ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

The company’s operations are ISO 14001 certified, while its Learning Institute and nursery research center in Riau province, Indonesia are both ISO 9001 certified. Asian Agri’s R&D Center in North Sumatra was also given a certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

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