



**News Release**

**APRIL Group Ranks Second in Policy and Transparency Assessment from Zoological Society of London**

**Jakarta, Indonesia, February 11, 2017** – The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) has released the results of its Sustainability Policy Transparency Toolkit, or [SPOTT Assessment](#), that independently gauges the progress of 24 global timber, pulp and paper companies against a range of environmental, social and governance (ESG) indicators.

APRIL ranked second of 24 companies, behind Switzerland’s Interholco A.G., with a score of 67.1%, well above the average score for the sector of 37.1%. APRIL’s highest scores were for Sustainability Policy and Leadership, and Deforestation and Biodiversity. Just three of the 24 companies received a ‘Green’ rating, awarded to companies scoring above 66%.

The SPOTT assessments and the accompanying detailed company reports are designed to promote ‘transparency and accountability to drive implementation of environmental and social best practice for the sustainable production and trade of global commodities’.

Company	Rank	Score (%)	Country	Area (ha)	Deforestation (%)	Biodiversity (%)	Company Type	Score (0-100)
APRIL Group	2	67.1%	Singapore	478,938 ha	-	100.0%	Private company	69.5/103.5
Cikel Group	12	36.1%	Brazil	202,168 ha	100.0%	-	Private company	37/102.5
Duratex S.A.	6	57.5%	Brazil	221,145 ha	-	6.2%	\$2,004,218,044	55.5/96.5
Groupe Blattner Elwyn	21	12%	DRC	1,371,340 ha	-	-	Private company	10.5/87.5
Groupe SEFAC	20	13.1%	Cameroon	405,000 ha	-	-	Private company	11.5/87.5
Interholco A.G.	1	90.2%	Switzerland	1,159,640 ha	100.0%	-	Private company	73.5/81.5
Klabin S.A.	4	65.2%	Brazil	497,174 ha	100.0%	-	\$5,871,170,048	67.5/103.5
Oji Holdings	15	26.5%	Japan	470,000 ha	42.5%	36.6%	\$6,055,744,000	29.5/111.5
Olam International Ltd	7	56.7%	Singapore	2,072,830 ha	61.9%	-	\$5,214,435,248	57/100.5
Pallisco-CIFM	10	44.6%	Cameroon	389,315 ha	87.9%	-	Private company	39/87.5
Precious Woods Holding AG	3	66.3%	Switzerland	1,160,800 ha	100.0%	-	Private company	54/81.5
Rimbunan Hijau (RH) Group	24	2.9%	Malaysia	2,665,070 ha	-	-	Private company	3/102.5
Rougier Group	9	49.7%	France	2,354,000 ha	56.0%	-	\$26,519,482	47/94.5

*SPOTT scorecard*

APRIL Director of Sustainability and External Affairs, Lucita Jasmin, said the assessment was important because it set an “independent baseline on which we can build further improvements in transparency and reporting. We welcome third party assessments that are based on clear framework and criteria, and where the process itself was transparent to the participants,” she added.

ZSL is an international scientific, conservation and educational charity whose mission is to promote and achieve the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats.