

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Productive Support UMKM, Apical Group Fosters Employee Business Empowerment**

**Dumai, 29 July 2021** – In order to improve employee welfare through the development of potential economic activities, Apical Group, which is in the Dumai operational area, supports the development of the SDS Complex Employee Cooperative located on Jalan Raya Lubuk Gaung.

The Cooperative which formed in April 2007 aims to provide assistance to Apical employees in Dumai to develop the potential for economic activities through UMKM which are fostered and given direct training by the Dumai Cooperative Office.

This productive assistance program for micro-employees is a collaboration between the Dumai Cooperative Service and Apical Group Management, accompanied by the Chairman of the Budiman Ratmaja Cooperative and the Treasurer, Mafiarek Riski. Apical Group, one of the exporters of sustainable palm oil that is part of the RGE Group, has played a large and important role in the success of this employee cooperative and its development in the future.

“Since 2007 the employee cooperative was formed through an allocation of Rp. 1,800,000.00 for members totaling 30 people. In the early stages, the management of the business sector was carried out only focusing on the employee canteen”, said Kamero Bangun, Public Relations Manager of Apical Group in Dumai.

In operational activities, this cooperative has three supervisors consisting of two members of the cooperative and one person from the Human Resource Development staff who then prepares the policy basis for the program including, budget allocation, data collection mechanism, distribution, and supervision.

Kamero added, “In recent years, the rapid development of our cooperative has encouraged us to open a mini market. With the existence of the SDS Complex Employee Cooperative mini market on the side of the main highway around the company, it becomes a matter of pride for the employees and management of Apical Group in Dumai which provides inspiration for other cooperatives”

Currently the number of members of the cooperative has become 542 people with an asset value of Rp. 2,500,000,000 accompanied by various fields of business and membership of other units within the Apical Group.

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Apical's business is built on a broad sourcing network in Indonesia with integrated refinery assets at strategic locations in Indonesia and China. These are strengthened by efficient logistic channels supported by Apical's own infrastructure to deliver to a wide range of clients from international trade houses to local industrial buyers. With its unique business model, Apical has been able to control product quality and address sustainability and food safety issues, while running highly efficient operations at its world class refineries and integrated storage and bulking facilities.

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