

RGE Statement on EPN Report ‘Pulping Borneo’ – May 2023

RGE categorically refutes the overall premise of the report published by Environmental Paper Network (EPN) on 23 May 2023, which suggests that two of the entities named in the report as operating in Kalimantan are under the ‘common control’ of RGE.

RGE has acknowledged the Accountability Framework Initiative and its definition of ‘Corporate Group’ and we can confirm that no such association, influence or control exists in relation to the two entities mentioned in the EPN report. It is not therefore possible or appropriate for RGE to comment on matters related to those parties and unrelated to RGE.

To illustrate the speculative nature of the allegations, previous employment by individuals at our business groups is presented in the report as an indication of a current connection to RGE. We operate in a free and open employment market in which employees can choose to join or leave companies as they wish. None of the arguments alleged in the report establish any connection or form of ‘control’ to these companies.

RGE’s business groups operate in accordance with the RGE Sustainability Framework, which includes explicit no deforestation commitments, and each business group develops and enforces its own sustainability policies consistent with their operating context and RGE’s overall framework. These companies also have ambitious 2030 sustainability targets that aim to contribute to the achievement of national and global goals on climate, nature protection, and sustainable development.

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