



RGE's Statement

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RGE Refutes Greenpeace Allegations, Reaffirms Commitment to Zero-Deforestation and FSC Engagement Process

RGE rejects the claims in Greenpeace's report of the existence of a shadow supply chain and non-compliance with RGE's sustainability policy. We reaffirm our strict zero-deforestation commitment across our group of companies and we have publicly disclosed the full list of companies within our Corporate Group, as assessed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

The Greenpeace report repeats campaigning NGOs' past unsubstantiated claims that have been addressed and refuted. It also draws conclusions based on assumptions and speculation, without referencing formal documentation or named sources.

We recognise that these repeated allegations stem from some NGOs' continued opposition to RGE member company APRIL's ongoing engagement with the FSC. We urge stakeholders to rely on facts than on speculation and encourage the media to report fairly and accurately.

To clarify our position, we set out the following key facts:

- **No Shadow Supply Chain:** RGE and APRIL's affiliated companies are publicly disclosed on the [FSC website](#).
- **"RGE Corporate Group" assessed by the FSC:** The FSC conducted its assessment of what constitutes the APRIL/RGE Corporate Group, as defined based on an expansive interpretation of "control" based on the Accountability Framework^[1] initiative's guidelines including legal, familial, financial, managerial, operational, and beneficial factors, as well as shared resources and supply relationships. RGE and APRIL have disclosed all relevant business affiliations in line with these standards.
- **Zero Deforestation:** All RGE business groups have to adopt and uphold the [RGE Sustainability Policy, particularly](#) our no-deforestation policy, with independent third-party audits supporting compliance.
- **Responsible Sourcing:** We require our suppliers to align with our sustainability standards and we work with them to build capacity. Where suppliers do not comply, we disengage.
- **Commitment to FSC Engagement:** In November 2023, APRIL and the FSC signed an agreement that initiated the implementation of the FSC's multi-stakeholder framework designed to address legacy issues and includes extensive consultation with NGOs, communities, and other stakeholders. Upon

^[1] *The Accountability Framework is a roadmap for addressing deforestation, conversion, and human rights in the agriculture and forestry sectors. Published in 2019, the Framework represents the consensus of a diverse coalition of environmental and human rights NGOs, as well as expectations from leading companies, financial institutions, and international norms. It provides companies and other stakeholders with a detailed and trusted guide for setting goals, taking action, and reporting progress.*

the completion and verification of this process, APRIL and the entities in its Corporate Group will become eligible for certification. APRIL is the [first company globally](#) to implement this process, and is, to date, the only active case in Indonesia. We remain committed to completing this rigorous and transparent engagement process with the FSC – a critical opportunity to deliver meaningful environmental and social outcomes.

As we take every allegation of policy noncompliance seriously, we address Greenpeace’s allegations in detail below:

- **PT Mayawana Persada** is not under the ownership or control — direct or indirect — of RGE or its shareholders. A previous [response](#) remains publicly accessible.
- **PT Industrial Forest Plantation (PT IFP)** previously supplied to Asia Symbol via PT Balikpapan Chip Lestari (PT BCL). Following internal investigations, PT BCL suspended sourcing in 2023 as per Asia Symbol’s previous [statement](#). No supply has taken place since PT IFP’s suspension.
- **PT Adindo Hutani Lestari (PT AHL)** is a long-term supplier [listed](#) on the [APRIL Sustainability Dashboard](#). Annual third-party assurance by KPMG under oversight from APRIL’s [Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#) confirms its compliance with APRIL’s Sustainable Forest Management Policy (SFMP) 2.0. Please refer to previously [published responses](#).
- **PT Sumatera Riang Lestari (PT SRL)** is another long-term supplier operating within five listed concessions. Since APRIL’s SFMP 2.0 was launched in 2015, no deforestation incidents have been reported. These operations are also covered by independent audits.
- **PT Lahan Agro Inti Ketapang (PT LAIK)** has never been a supplier to Apical and is not part of RGE’s supply chain.
- **PT Usaha Sawit Unggul (PT USU)** was part of Asian Agri (AA) until 2019. Land conversion of 800 hectares occurred in 2012, prior to AA’s adoption of its no-deforestation commitment in 2014. The area was developed in compliance with the local plantation laws (Law 18 of 2004) and within the final Hak Guna Usaha (HGU) concession area. After its divestment from AA, PT USU remained in Apical’s supply chain via PT Sawit Sukses Sejati (PT SSS).

Following investigations in 2022, Apical imposed a Stop Work Order, required High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments, and initiated a recovery plan. As PT USU and PT SSS failed to complete corrective actions, Apical ceased all procurement from both companies in May 2022. This case reflects our approach to support capacity building where possible, but take decisive action when necessary.

- **PT Phoenix Resources International** is not under direct or indirect ownership or control of RGE or its shareholders. Similarly, a previous [response](#) is publicly accessible.
- **PT Global Sawit Semesta (PT GSS)** is no longer a supplier to Apical which acted promptly and had [stopped sourcing](#) from PT GSS following a comprehensive review.
- **Papua Ecosystem Restoration:** PT Kesatuan Mas Abadi, PT Damai Setiatama Timber, and PT Mukti Artha Yoga are operated by RGE companies Apical, APRIL, and Asian Agri respectively as forest conservation and restoration areas. Spanning half a million hectares, these areas will be managed for conservation and community benefits, and will significantly expand the conservation contribution of RGE companies in Indonesia.

RGE remains committed to transparency, accountability, and open dialogue. We continue to welcome constructive engagement with all stakeholders, including NGOs, communities, rights holders, media, and industry partners and remain focused on delivering measurable progress and outcomes for the community and environment.

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