



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Asian Agri is the First and Biggest ISCC PLUS-certified Producer in Indonesia**

**Jakarta, November 7, 2014** – After Asian Agri received ISCC certification for its palm kernel processing some time ago, Asian Agri is proud to announce that it is the first palm oil company to be certified with ISCC PLUS for its CPO (Crude Palm Oil) products. The certification was issued by SGS Germany on 24 October 2014 for all of Asian Agri's palm oil mills. This makes Asian Agri the biggest ISCC PLUS-certified CPO producer in Indonesia.

SGS Germany is an independent certification body which specializes in inspection, verification, testing, and certification. SGS ensures that sustainability requirements according to the ISCC-approved documents and procedures, are applicable in reality.

ISCC PLUS audit procedures are in line with the EU ISCC audit. The difference is in some additional regulations. ISCC PLUS is a certification system for food and feed products as well as for the application of chemical / technical, while ISCC-EU is based on the EU Renewable Energy Directive for bioenergy in the European market. Various stakeholders including NGOs and scientific institutions have recognized ISCC System internationally.

This ISCC PLUS certification would be very helpful and beneficial to palm oil producers and all stakeholders in the palm oil business, to be united in a commitment to the management of palm oil for food, chemical, and bioenergy market. ISCC-certified CPO means that the plantation operational management has undergone verification process and is produced with sustainable practices environmentally, socially and economically.

Fredy Widjaja, Asian Agri General Manager said, "By achieving ISCC PLUS certification, Asian Agri wishes to wider expand its international market, while proving that cultivation and processing of palm oil are done sustainably. At the same time, this achievement is also expected to inspire other palm oil companies to participate in implementation of sustainable operations which ultimately will bring a positive image to Indonesian palm oil in the market and global community."

Until now, Asian Agri has received ISCC-EU certification for all its mills and plantation, including the smallholders (Plasma and KKPA), and palm kernel processing plant. Besides ISCC-EU and ISCC PLUS, Asian Agri has also been certified by RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) and ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil).

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**About Asian Agri:**

*Asian Agri is one of the leading private companies in Indonesia producing crude palm oil (CPO) since 1979 and employs around 25,000 people today. Since 1987, Asian Agri has been a pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program. Today, the company manages 100,000 Ha of land and partners 29,000 smallholder families in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 Ha of palm oil plantation.*

*Asian Agri's success in becoming one of the leading CPO companies has been acknowledged internationally with the ISO 14001 certification for all of its operations. Its Learning Institute in Pelalawan, Riau, as well as its nursery research center in Kampar, Riau are ISO 9001 certified. In addition, Asian Agri's R&D Center in Tebing Tinggi has also obtained certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.*

*Aside from its success in becoming a leading CPO producer with the most advanced technology, Asian Agri is also committed to preserving the environment.*

*The plantation in Riau (Buatan, Soga and Ukui) and Jambi (Tungkal Ulu and Muara Bulian) and the plasma plantation (Buatan and Ukui plasma, and Tungkal Ulu Plasma and Muara Bulian plasma) have received RSPO certification (Roundtable Sustainable Palm Oil).*

*All plantations have also been ISCC-certified (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification), including plantation owned by smallholders and KKPA. Mills in Buatana, Ukui, Tungkal Ulu and Muara Bulian have received certification from ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil). Asian Agri targets to become fully ISPO-certified by end of 2014.*

*Its Buatana and Ukui plantations in Riau have received the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certification, while ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification) has been achieved for the following plantations - Buatana and Ukui in Riau; Muara Bulian and Tungkal Ulu in Jambi.*

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