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Asian Agri Continues Collaboration with Village Communities to Prevent Land Fires

Riau, 21 February 2018 - In its ongoing efforts to prevent and reduce the number of land fires in Indonesia, Asian Agri continues to work together with village communities and governments, especially in the Riau and Jambi provinces.

Among the steps that Asian Agri takes to prevent land fires include providing socialization and training, as well as fire extinguishers to the communities in anticipating the possibility of fires occurring in the villages and in the vicinity of the company's palm oil plantations.

"Together with the community, village officials and stakeholders, we routinely conduct patrols and monitor potential fire areas in each village, particularly in the areas which are in the process of being cleared, as well as areas with conflicting claims of ownership," said Zulbahri, Asian Agri Manager of Sustainability.

To maximize fire prevention efforts, Zulbahri explained that Asian Agri also builds fire control towers and monitoring posts in these areas, utilizing digital-based technology to monitor fire locations more quickly and efficiently so that any fires will be handled as rapidly as possible.

Asian Agri's fire prevention commitment is bolstered by its Fire Free Village Program (FFVP) which has been in place since 2016. Under the programme, Asian Agri is partners with nine villages in Riau and seven villages in Jambi, providing the villagers with regular fire awareness and prevention training.

Asian Agri equips each FFVP partner village with fire extinguishers as an early preventive method to stop any fires from expanding.

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.

More than 86% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces & scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified.

All plantations have also been ISCC-certified (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification), including plantation owned by smallholders. Palm oil mills and plantation in Buatan, Ukui, Soga, Tungkul Ulu, and Muara Bulian have been ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.

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