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BUMITAMA WELCOMES TENERA TO OUR SUSTAINABLE FAMILY

Jakarta, 12 March 2018 – Bumitama is proud to announce that Kelompok Tani Tenera (“Tenera”) has become a new RSPO member and we congratulate them for taking the bold step towards sustainability through RSPO certification.



Tenera is a collective of independent smallholders that came together to form a cooperative, supplying fruits to Pundu Nabatindo Mill of PT WNL in Central Kalimantan. Since our introduction in 2016, this group has been exceptional for their enthusiasm in RSPO smallholder certification.

It was therefore a delight to assist in their preparation for RSPO certification. We train them on various aspects of best management practices inclusive of administration and data management, and by counseling on the certification process. Our R&D department has been providing them with recommendations for fertiliser use and the GIS team helps to map their lands, amongst other handholding activities.



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The group is led by Pak Sugiarno, a natural leader with strong bond and ties with the other smallholders. He has been our point of contact when working with these farmers, administrating and providing his house as the venue for our trainings.

Tenera has a potential to grow bigger. We have since seen a rising interest of other farmers towards RSPO certification. With our support, Tenera started actively interacting with them and we hope that we will be able to welcome more local independent smallholder groups to RSPO in the near future.



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