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Dear Sir:

Re: Opportunity to comment ahead of Greenpeace International publication

In advance of the publication of a Greenpeace International report on palm oil producer groups involved in deforestation, we wish to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the findings contained in the attached draft text, which relates to your group of companies.

In view of these findings, Greenpeace International plans to publish maps identifying your group’s concessions and mills, based on best available information. Furthermore, our forthcoming report will include details of your group’s constituent companies and their associated NDPE violations, and will call on traders and consumer companies to suspend purchases of palm oil from you with immediate effect until you have published definitive maps for your entire operations and can demonstrate that you have adequately addressed all NDPE violations by your group.

If you would like to send us additional information that you believe sheds further light on our findings, we would be happy to review it. At the same time, if you believe that we are incorrect to associate you with any of the individuals, companies, landholdings or mills mentioned in the attached text, you should aim to explain why our conclusions are in error.

In any event, we request that you supply us with a comprehensive list of all your group’s palm oil operations, including accurate maps in digital format of all your oil palm concessions and mills. Please also confirm the beneficial ownership of any companies in your group that are owned by offshore companies.
In order to be able to reflect any of the above information in our publication, we would need to receive your reply by no later than end of business Central European Time on 12 September 2018.

Yours truly,

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Main palm oil company: IJM Plantations Bhd

IJM Plantations has a formal parent–subsidiary ownership structure. Its CEO is Joseph Tek Choon Yee.\(^1\)

IJM Plantations was an RSPO member until it resigned in February 2016.\(^2\) The group has no public NDPE policy and does not make maps of its concession boundaries publicly available in a usable format. IJM Corporation is one of four companies that were excluded from Norway’s Government Pension Fund Global in August 2015 due to links with deforestation.\(^3\)

The group’s 2017 annual report lists 60,570ha planted area; approximately 60% of this is in Indonesia (Kalimantan and Sumatra) and the remainder in Sabah, Malaysia.\(^4\) The report states that there is ‘no further land-bank for expansion’ in Malaysia and that the remaining landbank in Indonesia, approximately 3,000ha, ‘will be cultivated over the next two years as conditions permit’.\(^5\)

Case study: PT Prima Bahagia Permai (PT PBP), North Kalimantan, Bulungan district

Concession boundary based on HGU map from the Indonesian National Land Agency (BPN).

Between 28 August 2015 and 19 July 2018 PT PBP cleared some 300ha, mostly secondary forest.

\(^1\) IJM Plantations website ‘Director profile’
\(^2\) SPOTT website ‘IJM Plantations Bhd’
\(^3\) Norges Bank (2015)
\(^4\) IJM Plantations (2017) p25
\(^5\) IJM Plantations (2017) p26