



MEDIA RELEASE

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We refer to an article published by Reuters entitled “Indonesia hits back at Malaysia over forest fires” dated 13 September 2019, which stated that the Indonesian authority has sealed off plantation land of PT Rafi Kamajaya Abadi (“PTRKA”), a subsidiary of TDM Berhad (“TDM”).

We would like to clarify that, as at 14 September 2019, there has not been any action taken by the Indonesian authority to officially seal off the operation of PTRKA. From the beginning of dry weather in early August, PTRKA has been on high alert and has put in place measures to manage and control fire incidents in our operating areas. This includes maintaining fully equipped firefighting teams to deal with the dry weather, strong wind and the risk of fire.

Over the last couple of weeks, PTRKA has been able to contain fires that have occurred in our areas. Report to local authorities, including a police report, had been made on fire incidences. Clarifications had also been made to visiting authorities from the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry. PTRKA had been working and will continue to work closely with local authorities, fire brigade and villagers in monitoring hot spots and joint operations for fire-prevention and fire-fighting purposes. PTRKA has allocated resources, including equipment and personnel for surveillance and extinguishing of fires.

TDM practices the RSPO principles and is strictly governed by the “No Burning” policy that there shall be no use of fire in the preparation of new planting, replanting or any other developments. We wish to reiterate that, since 2016, there is neither new development nor does land clearing activities been carried out within our area of operation.