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PRESS RELEASE

**Presentation of Inaugural PEFC/IFCC Certificates of Sustainable Forest Management
to Sinarmas Forestry Group (SMF)/APP and APRIL**

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International consumers requires that the products they purchase shall come from the materials which considers sustainability in every aspects whether sustainability of natural resources, social and environment, and the sustainability of the business itself. Therefore the market shall take additional step to confirm whether the forestry products entering their markets come from sustainability sources.

PEFC Sustainable Forest Management certification scheme which is voluntary, apparently receives a lot of responses from international consumers and referred as one of a confirmation tools for consumers' expectation on the sustainability.

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is an independent organization, based in Geneva. PEFC scheme is the largest SFM certification scheme worldwide. PEFC certificates are recognized and accepted by forest stakeholders and global forest industries, including global corporates and final consumers. Whereas IFCC is the PEFC National Governing Body (NGB) in Indonesia, who is the developer and owner of the IFCC certification scheme. The IFCC scheme has been endorsed as PEFC scheme for Indonesia.

PEFC/IFCC Sustainable Forest Management certification scheme has been implemented against forest management in Indonesia and therefore several Forest Management Units with total certified forest area to date is 610,798 hectares, have received PEFC/IFCC SFM certificates. The certificates are valid for 3 years, which subject to annual review, and can be extended upon its expiry. IFCC targets to certify 1 million forest area every year.

IFCC Chairman, Dradjad H. Wibowo says "By the issuance of this IFCC SFM certificates, we achieve the sustainable forest management in Indonesia and also fulfill international market demand which requires sustainable forest management, as a result it will increase forest products' export, open more job opportunities and increase economic growth as a whole."

CEO/Secretary General of PEFC, Ben Gunneberg, stated that "I am delighted that both APRIL and APP as leading management companies of forests in Indonesia have achieved certification against the stringent IFCC sustainable forest management standards. This enables products there of access to the PEFC label, providing a clear message to consumers worldwide that the products come verified sustainable sources."



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Further, Ben Gunneberg also conveyed that “With the certification, Indonesia once again confirms its commitment to sustainable forest management to consumers worldwide.” He hopes through this certification, some countries in Asia can follow similar scheme. “If Indonesia succeed, then another countries will follow,” he said. Ben ensure that with certification, marketing of products will be easier.

IFCC Sustainable Forest Management certification scheme is a nasional standard, developed in open and transparent manners by involving all of the main stakeholder elements as defined in United Nation Conference Agenda 21 (UNCED) in 1992, which are as follows: (1) Regional Government of 7 Region; (2) Forest Owners; (3) Entrepreneurs; (4) Workers and Trade Unions; (5) Indigenous People; (6) Children and Teenager; (7) Women; (8) Scientific Community; and (9) NGO.

IFCC scheme was endorsed by PEFC on 1 October 2014 and valid until 1 October 2019, and subject to evaluation every 5 years. IFCC invites all stakeholders to jointly supervise and maintain IFCC scheme to become the credibel tools for achieving the sustainable forest management.

*Doing Good.
Doing No Harm is no Longer Good Enough.*

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