



AAL Statement: FoE and ENS Reports

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We wish to respond to recent reports published by Friends of the Earth (FoE), Econusantara (ENS) and an open Letter from the Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organization making various allegations against PT Astra Agro Lestari (AAL) and its subsidiaries.

We have conducted a thorough internal review of the matters raised, setting out the facts as we found them and providing clarification as required to the respective organizations for their reports and publications. A version of those responses can be accessed in the following link: [AAL's Detailed Responses to some of the Allegations Raised by FoE and Others](#)

This is consistent with our commitment to take all grievances and reports seriously, while at the same time acknowledging transparently and in good faith, that further objective and independent assessment of these allegations would be a constructive and positive step, and one we are willing to take.

In line with this commitment, we will appoint an independent third party to review these allegations and any other issues that may arise in relation to them. We will select that third party, or parties, and define the terms of reference in consultation with stakeholders to ensure the appointed parties' capabilities, independence, objectivity and terms of reference for the review are appropriate and fit for purpose. Once appointed, we will provide every assistance to ensure access to all relevant information from AAL and its subsidiaries. We also commit to publishing the findings of that review in a transparent manner, and setting out any necessary actions to address them.

We know from our thirty-seven years of experience that we will continue to have challenges to address, and that it is important that our actions are solutions focused and visible. We can assure our stakeholders and customers that we remain willing to address any issues or challenges that arise in a constructive, open and transparent way. We continue to strive to meet the highest standards of compliance with national regulations and stakeholder expectations, and to prioritize the needs and wellbeing of the people living around the company's areas of operations in line with our sustainability commitments.

To recap, while we stand by our responses to the allegations made, we recognize the benefits that can be gained through independent review and reporting as part of resolving any issues or challenges.