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Joint Statement AAL & EcoNusantara : Appointment of an Independent Third Party

Following our statement on December 7th, 2022 to appoint an independent third party to review the allegations by Friends of the Earth (FoE) towards three of AAL’s subsidiaries, we wish to inform our stakeholders that we have appointed EcoNusantara. We have finalized the terms of reference (TOR) for the activity jointly with key stakeholders as well. In preparing the TOR, AAL is also being advised by sustainability consultants Robertsbridge Group.

EcoNusantara was selected through consultation with some of our key stakeholders. EcoNusantara had carried out an initial verification regarding the allegations in question and is therefore deemed best equipped to deliver a verification. This will be done independently and in consultation with relevant stakeholders based on the jointly agreed term of reference as work guidelines.

EcoNusantara will start working immediately in April 2023. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in six months including field verification, report preparation, and consolidation. During this period, we will aid in ensuring access to all relevant information from AAL and its subsidiaries. We also commit to publish the findings of the review in a transparent manner and setting out any necessary actions to address them.

We also would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere apology to our stakeholders and any parties for the inconvenience arising from this case.

Statement from EcoNusantara

We express our gratitude and are pleased to have been appointed by AAL to carry out a comprehensive verification of FoE allegations toward AAL’s subsidiaries in Sulawesi. We wish to inform that in the last few months, we have been engaged and involved in drafting the TOR for the activities with AAL’s key stakeholders.

We ensure that we will work independently and in consultation with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the activities we carry out are in accordance with the TOR that has been mutually agreed upon. We will also open a complaint channel if in the course of the verification activities, there are parties who feel threatened or are being threatened or in the case we are found to be acting not independently.

We hope that we will get support from various stakeholders to carry out this verification activity and that this activity will run smoothly and be completed according to the set out timeline.