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Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification

Econusantara is pleased to publish the third bi-weekly update on the independent verification of allegations against three of Astra Agro Lestari’s subsidiaries, PT Agro Nusa Abadi, PT Mamuang, and PT Lestari Tani Teladan. All three have now been visited and in the case of one the initial focus has been on interviews with public service officials and a number of community representatives from a number of villages. These are a prelude to the important work of accurately identifying and then engaging with communities at large and specific individuals as well as identifying the specific locations of the land which is subject to disagreement and claims.

The verification activity has made some progress. The targeted interviewees provided good cooperation, especially the related community members, although in this first stage, we have not been able to reach all those who made claims. We continue to open opportunities for all interested parties to be involved in this activity to ensure the fairness of this verification.

A number of stakeholders have been visited for discussions and consultations in respective areas of AAL’s subsidiary as follows:

A. Area of PT Mamuang.— **Public services**: Office of Employment and Transmigration of Central Sulawesi Province (Dinas Ketenagakerjaan dan Transmigrasi Provinsi Sulawesi Tengah), Office of Manpower and Transmigration of Donggala Regency (Dinas Ketenagakerjaan dan Transmigrasi Kabupaten Donggala). **Community leaders**: 3 Village Heads (Kepala Desa) and 3 Hamlet Heads (Kepala Dusun). **Traditional figures**: 2 persons. **Impacted communities**: 9 persons. **Company**: the management of PT Mamuang.

B. Area of PT Agro Nusa Abadi.— **Public services**: District Head of North Morowali Regency (Bupati Kabupaten Morowali Utara), Regent Secretariat - Head of Administration (Sekretariat Daerah - Kabag. Pemerintahan), Office of Plantation and Livestock of Central Sulawesi (Dinas Perkebunan dan Peternakan Sulawesi Tengah), National Land Management Agency (Badan Pertanahan Nasional Kabupaten Morowali Utara), National Commission on Human Rights Representative for Central Sulawesi (Komnas HAM Perwakilan Sulawesi Tengah), and North Morowali Resort Police (Kepolisian Resort Morowali Utara). **Impacted communities**: Bunta Village (customary institution), Bungintimbe village (claimer). **Company**: the management of PT Agro Nusa Abadi.
C. Area of PT Lestari Tani Teladan.— **Public service:** Not yet done due to unavailability. **Farmer associations:** Asosiasi Petani Kelapa Sawit Indonesia - Apkasindo - (Indonesian Palm Oil Smallholder Association) of Central Sulawesi, and Apkasindo Perjuangan (a counter organization of Apkasindo) of Central Sulawesi. **Impacted communities:** Community leaders, religious leaders, the former Head of SDN 01 Toviora (school headmaster), and residents accompanying waste sampling by the Central Sulawesi Province Environmental Service. **Toviora Village Officials:** Former Village Head in 2001, Village Secretary, Head of Village Financial Affairs, as well as the Heads of Hamlet 3 and Hamlet 4. **Company:** the management of PT Lestari Tani Teladan.

ENS would also like to remind those reading these updates that this is the official platform for stakeholders to obtain information about progress. ENS and AAL would like to encourage all stakeholders with an interest in a fair resolution to the grievances to step forward and assist in the process. The door remains open to dialogue.