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Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification

Econusantara is pleased to publish the fifth 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.

For the past two weeks, Econusantara returned to re-open meetings with stakeholders in all targeted communities. Community interview activities went well, especially at PT Mamuang and PT Agro Nusa Abadi, we were glad that several members of the community have come forward and are willing to be interviewed regarding their land claims.

In PT Lestari Tani Teladan, we are assisted by our partner on the ground, academics from Tadulako University, to continue the fieldwork on need assessment in the targeted communities.

During the course of this activity, we also faced challenges in the field, one of which was that we found misleading messages circulating in the community on behalf of EcoNusantara. Fortunately, we have resolved this issue quickly and mitigated the unexpected situation. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that EcoNusantara works independently and every team on duty in the field is equipped with an official assignment letter. So that everyone may properly verify the individual.

Given the long weekend break for Eid Al-Adha, we were on the ground for less time than usual but are pleased with the progress overall to date.