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Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification

Econusantara is pleased to publish the eighth 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.

We have completed our on-the-ground verifications including confirmation of evidence of grievances put forward, in which we can conclude that large communities have been responsive and co-operative. We understand where there has been some reluctance to engage but want to reassure everyone that while we may be moving to a desk based process, we are still open to further discussion with any party.

The data we have is considerable, and it will now take some time to review and consolidate – a period during which we may need to re-visit the field for further clarification. However, we will continue with these bi-weekly reports to keep all stakeholders informed of progress.

As always, we encourage any communities and any interested members of civil society to come forward if they have any concerns they wish to raise with us. Our door remains open.