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### **Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification**

Econusantara is pleased to publish the seventh 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.

Data collection is almost complete and we are moving into an analysis phase. This phase means we will almost certainly need to return to the field from time to time to clarify specifics. Accordingly, we want to emphasise that we remain open to any and all communities and individuals, including members of civil society, to continue to come forward. Our doors remain open. We also want to stress that any eventual report be seen not as an end but as a beginning.

We also would like to convey that interactions between us and communities on the ground are good, which is an encouraging indicator for moving forward.