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**Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification**

Econusantara is pleased to publish the ninth 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.

In our last report, we stated that the data consolidation process had begun and would likely take some time given the volume of information collected. This proved to be the case and consolidation continues towards the internal review stage to check whether there is a clear link between the evidence and assertion as well as preparing appropriate and correct follow-up recommendations. We are very careful in this process to ensure what we eventually report is balanced, fair, and objective. It will be a considerable body of work and all the evidence to back the conclusions reached will be included in the final report.

We cannot at this stage provide a precise date of publication, but we can assure all stakeholders that there will be a process of consultation first, after which comments will be considered for inclusion and final publication will take place. We ask for your patience during this process. And again we re-iterate our interest in engaging with all stakeholders on the ground even as we approach the finalization of the report.