



## Joint AAL and ENS Official Statement in Presenting Independent Third-Party Verification Report

Copy to accompany link to ENS report:

PT Astra Agro Lestari Tbk (AAL) is very pleased to be able to publish in full here <https://www.astra-agro.co.id/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-10-30-ENS-Final-Report-AAL-Cases-in-C-Sulawesi-ENG.pdf> an independent verification report by ENS regarding complaints submitted by stakeholders related to three of AAL's subsidiaries in Sulawesi namely PT Agro Nusa Abadi, PT Mamuang and PT Lestari Tani Teladan. We announced our intention to commission this report earlier this year and work began in March. It has taken eight months for the very good reason that it is exhaustive, and no effort has been spared to source documentary evidence, to reach out to individuals and communities and to seek to engage interested stakeholders. AAL would like to express its gratitude to EcoNusantara for their hard efforts in tirelessly digging up information and facts and reaching out to the communities for further in-depth information. AAL really appreciates the comprehensive report produced by EcoNusantara. We also would like to express our sincere gratitude to all parties who supported and were involved in this activity. Likewise, ENS takes this opportunity to thank AAL for trusting ENS to carry out this independent verification activity. ENS also would like to extend its appreciation to all parties including the community, community leaders, local government, and resource persons who have provided a lot of help so that the verification can be completed accordingly.

ENS reiterates that this verification was carried out in a participatory and transparent manner. ENS values every stakeholder's perspective throughout this verification. We hope that this report can be useful and that key parties including AAL will utilize it in resolving problems in the field. We believe that AAL's strong commitment together with the full participation of all relevant stakeholders, would successfully address existing issues and challenges as well.

We accept that not every stakeholder wished to engage, which remains a matter of regret, but we continue to emphasize that our door has always been, and remains, open. We also accept



that no report will satisfy everyone but again, we remain open to looking at any further clear information and evidence that any stakeholder has and commit to doing our utmost to resolve any arising issues. In the meantime, we are focusing our efforts and time on assimilating and then delivering a proposed action plan to implement the recommendations contained in the report. We also invite and encourage parties who are interested or concerned about solving problems or want to assist the community to be part of this process.

To continue to provide stakeholders with updates on our ongoing activities, we intend to continue to publish updates regarding this process periodically.