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**Astra Agro Lestari Statement Following the Protest in London By Walhi, FoE UK,
and Members of the Sulawesi Community**

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify Walhi's statements in its [article](#) published by Walhi on its website on April 27th, 2024, with the title "WALHI and Community Representatives Held Protest at Astra International Headquarters in London."

We reiterate that PT AAL and its subsidiaries, including PT Mamuang, PT Lestari Tani Teladan, PT Agro Nusa Abadi, and PT Sawit Jaya Abadi 2 (PT SJA-2), have never committed acts of criminalization, do not have the authority, nor have performed any threats against the community. In Indonesia, everyone has equal rights for legal standing, thus every report of violation/offense is processed lawfully. If the results of the trial are not satisfactory, an appeal can be made up to an inkracht decision (final verdict that is legally binding, for which no further appeal can be filed). We uphold the laws that apply in Indonesia and believe that every process is carried out fairly.

We can clarify that the grievances raised by Walhi against PT Lestari Tani Teladan, PT Mamuang and PT Agro Nusa Abadi have been verified transparently by an independent third party, EcoNusantara. The EcoNusantara report is publicly available and can be accessed via the AAL website:

<https://www.astra-agro.co.id/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-10-30-ENS-Final-Report-AAL-Cases-in-C-Sulawesi-ENG.pdf>.



The EcoNusantara report discusses in detail the land claims of the Sinar Rio Jaya farmer group, from Rio Mukti village, Lalundu on pages 39-46 with a summary of the results on page 55. The report notes that the dispute had been resolved and compensated for, and was confirmed by Arman, the Secretary of Lalundu Village, for the 2002–2012 period.

Specifically on PT SJA-2, we would like to clarify the claim as follows:

- (1) PT SJA-2 did not operate on the 8,500 ha of land.
- (2) PT SJA-2 held a Transmigration Implementation Permit (IPT) through a Decree from the Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Villages and Transmigration of the Republic of Indonesia No. 9 of 2019.
- (3) In its implementation, PT SJA-2 established plasma plantations as required under the IPT permit. Communities that received the plasma plantations were determined by the Government.
- (4) The decision as to which communities received the plasma plantations was not AAL's to make but the Government's. The land is owned by the Government. Any claims in this regard should therefore be addressed to the Government.

Regarding the allegations of deforestation made by Genesis Bengkulu, AAL has provided an official response. The response can be accessed via AAL's website:

<https://www.astra-agro.co.id/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Tanggapan-atas-laporan-penelitian-Yayasan-Genesis-dengan-judul-Astra-Agro-Lestari-Merambah-Kawasan-Hutan-Indonesia-tanggal-2-April-2024.-1.pdf>.

AAL and EcoNusantara are always open to discussing and investigating any new information and/or evidence from the relevant parties.