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**Response to the Profundo Research Report Entitled "Unilever's Climate Bill: € 268 Billion"  
Published on the Profundo Website on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

We refer to the research [report](#) published by Profundo Research and advice on its website on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, titled " Unilever's Climate Bill: € 268 Billion." We noted that this report pages 56-60, highlighted that Astra Agro Lestari (AAL) has been engaged in violation of permits, land grabbing, environmental pollution, deforestation, criminalization, and intimidation. We would like to take this opportunity to respond to the allegations.

First of all, we would like to convey that:

- (1) PT Astra Agro Lestari (AAL) and its subsidiaries operate in accordance with, and comply with all applicable laws and regulations in Indonesia.
- (2) PT AAL has a Sustainability Policy established in 2015 and since then, PT AAL has never and does not have any plan to carry out new land development.
- (3) PT AAL has a Human Rights Strategy that is in line with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights which is implemented throughout all subsidiaries and its supply chain.
- (4) PT AAL has never committed acts of criminalization nor performed any threats against the community.
- (5) PT AAL and its subsidiaries do not involve nor perform any illegal acts of land acquisition or confiscation of community land.

We identified Profundo research reports that linked AAL in them using references from several Friends of the Earth (FoE), Walhi and Bengkulu Genesis Foundation reports. We have responded to the reports officially, and we regret that this report did not cover both sides.



Regarding the allegations raised by FoE and Walhi towards PT Agro Nusa Abadi, PT Mamuang, and PT Lestari Tani Teladan on violation of permits, land grabbing, environmental pollution, criminalization, and intimidation, an independent party had carried out field verification and investigation which process was transparent, participative dan reported publicly so that anyone interested in the case could follow the process.

During the process, EcoNusantara had invited Walhi and all the related parties to be involved from the beginning. While Walhi withdrew its participation in the activities, we proceeded with the verification activity and engaged with as many stakeholders who were willing to speak to the team.

Throughout the eight-month investigation, AAL and EcoNusantara through biweekly reports continued to offer all parties who had complaints to come forward and discuss their complaints with AAL dan EcoNusantara, doors are open until now. The investigation process, reports, and input on the final report are available to the public and can be accessed via the AAL website : <https://www.astra-agro.co.id/en/statements/>.

Regarding the deforestation allegation, we identified the report referred to a report published by the Bengkulu Genesis Foundation. AAL has provided an official response. The response can be accessed via AAL's website at <https://www.astra-agro.co.id/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Response-to-the-Genesis-Foundation-research-report-entitled-Astra-Agro-Lestari-Encroaches-on-Indonesian-Forest-AreasApril-2-2024.pdf>.