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Official Statement by AAL Regarding the Incident at PT SAL, Jambi

AAL comments on the incident involving indigenous peoples and security teams at the company's subsidiary PT SAL in Jambi.

That the tragic incidents, reported widely in media and by NGOs, resulted in the hospitalisation of members of the Orang Rimba community and of AAL's security teams is a matter of considerable regret. Our first priority is to ensure the continued recovery and well-being of those hurt. We have taken responsibility for the cost of their medical support and subsequent treatment.

We can report that a mediation process is now underway facilitated by the local government in Jambi, and involving the police as well as all concerned parties.

Meanwhile, and looking further ahead, we will investigate the root cause of this clash and events leading up to it. This is not a matter of trying to apportion blame. We need to understand – and manage – the reasons why up to 200 people felt compelled to attempt wholesale fruit harvesting, and why the initial mediation efforts of our security teams ended in failure. So, there will be a two-pronged review, on which we will report after the government sponsored mediation process has concluded.

As background, it is worth noting that for years now AAL has conducted a programme of community support for the Orang Rimba, and this was then strengthened based on a detailed study conducted in 2017 by Daemeter in collaboration with Warsi and AAL. This led to a major and continuing programme of educational, health and welfare provision, housing and economic empowerment. This will continue and be improved where we see it may be necessary.