



STATEMENT ON THE KILLING OF AN ORANG UTAN IN PT SUSANTRI PERMAI

KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 – We refer to the news reports in circulation since 14 February 2017 on the killing of an orang utan in an oil palm plantation in Central Kalimantan belonging to PT Susantri Permai, a subsidiary of Genting Plantations Berhad.

The incident took place on 27 January 2017 and was immediately reported to the local police and Balai Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam (“BKSDA”) of Central Kalimantan when it came to our attention. Since then, our personnel have been cooperating closely with these local authorities in their investigations.

On 20 February 2017, an Indonesian news portal (i.e. *detik.com*) reported that the Regency Police or Polres had identified ten persons to assist in their investigation following from which three suspects were detained but seven others were released after police interrogation had established that they were only witnesses to the illegal act of killing the orang utan.

On 23 February 2017, *detik.com* reported that investigations were still ongoing and that the Polres plans to “reconstruct” the killing of the orang utan at Desa Tumbang Puroh, Kapuas Hulu, Central Kalimantan, which is located next to PT Susantri Permai’s oil palm plantation.

The reconstruction of the case by the Polres took place on 11 March 2017. At the media briefing by Bapak Jukiman Situmorang who is the Head of Regency Police or KaPolres on the same day which was broadcasted by *Net.TV, Indonesia*, the Kapolres had described the incident as “situational” and the act of killing the orang utan was solely carried out by the main accused, identified as Ariyanto. The Kapolres further stated in the briefing that Ariyanto had hunted down and killed the orang utan and had sought the assistance of the two other suspects to transport the carcass.

It has been established that Ariyanto is a villager from Desa Tumbang Puroh and that he is not a worker of PT Susantri Permai. The Kapolres added that the killing of the orang utan is prohibited and as such Ariyanto will likely be charged for the crime after due process of the police investigation is completed.

We wish to state that any acts of cruelty to animals is taken very seriously by our Company as we have a strict policy against hunting and poaching of wildlife and we will mete out the appropriate punishment to our employees if found guilty of such prohibited actions. Training and briefings on our Group policies and sustainability initiatives are conducted regularly at all our operating units as these practices feature as one of the key components to instil awareness and to educate our internal and external stakeholders. We have also placed various thematic signages including identifying conservation areas and warnings of consequences against hunting and poaching at strategic locations throughout our plantations to further enhance such awareness.

As part of our efforts in environmental conservation and the protection of wildlife, we had, in 2014, signed an agreement to collaborate with the BKSDA, Kalimantan Tengah, to promote activities on natural resource conservation in all our operating units. The scope of activities involved include mitigation of wildlife-human conflicts, management of forest fires, conservation of flora and fauna and creating awareness of such initiatives amongst the local communities. The BKSDA also monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of our activities annually.

The above measures are an integral part of our commitment towards realising our sustainability objectives and we will continue to rigorously apply such practices in a transparent and consultative manner.

We will continue our efforts in engaging our stakeholders and have put up more posters and warning signages against the hunting and harming of wildlife at PT Susantri Permai as well as at our other operating units in Central Kalimantan. We have also discussed with the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation to explore collaborative projects to study the presence and activities of orang utans at PT Susantri Permai and at our nearby operating units as well as the provision of training on the mitigation of human-wildlife conflicts, wildlife monitoring and rescue procedures.

We will continue to extend our fullest support in an open and transparent manner to the police so that their investigations can be completed as soon as possible and we shall provide an update on any material developments regarding this incident accordingly.

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