

Executive Summary: Verification re Grievance against PT DRM / PT SKL

A. Background and objective

In April 2018, Rainforest Action Network collaborating with Aidenvironment published a [report](#) that mentioned two companies operating in Sintang District, West Kalimantan, namely PT Duta Rendra Mulya (DRM) and PT Sawit Khatulistiwa Lestari (SKL) were developing peatland. Field investigations and image analysis in the report showed that the two oil palm plantation companies have continued the opening and drying of land located in the only extensive peat swamp forest in Sintang District, the Ketungau Peat Swamp. This is against the law in Indonesia.

We decided to ascertain whether the said companies are part of GAR's supply chain through field verifications. We would also help devise remedial action plans if needed, in accordance with the [GAR Social and Environmental Policy \(GSEP\)](#). For that purpose, in Q2 2018 we identified GAR suppliers (based on 2017 purchase data) within the radius of 50 km from PT DRM / SKL. Based on the analysis, we identified six third-party supplier mills, namely:

1. PT Sintang Agro Mandiri (SAM)
2. PT Bonti Permai Jaya Raya (BPJR)
3. PT Kalimantan Sanggar Pusaka (KSP)
4. PT Buana Hijau Abadi (BHA)
5. PT Parna Agromas (PA)
6. PT Grand Utama Mandiri (GUM)

B. Verification period, team, and methodology

The field verifications were conducted on 28-29 Aug 2018, 16-21 Jul 2018 and 8-11 Apr 2019 by a team consisting of Ahmad Yudana (GAR), Resta Ekapradistya (GAR), Candra Yogi Ferryawan (GAR) and Anton Prasodjo (Earthworm, formerly The Forest Trust). Methodology included interviews, reviews of 2017-2018 FFB purchase documents, and field observations.

C. Verification results

Based on the field verifications, we found no proof that our third-party supplier mills received FFB from PT DRM / SKL. See the following table:

No	Supplirt Mills	Method	Remarks
1	PT SAM	Document review 16-21 July 2018	No indication of sourcing from DRM/SKL
2	PT BPJR	Field visit 28-29 Aug 2018	No indication of sourcing from DRM/SKL
3	PT KSP		
4	PT BHA	Field visit 8-11 April 2019	No indication of sourcing from DRM/SKL
5	PT PA	Supplier statement	PA and GUM stated DRM/SKL were not in their supply chain.
6	PT GUM		