



## **Response to Rainforest Action Network report, "The Last Place on Earth"**

12 November 2014

As part of our Forest Conservation Policy (FCP) and Social and Community Engagement Policy implementation, we have been mapping our supply chain and will be conducting risk assessments with support from The Forest Trust to ensure a traceable, no deforestation and conflict free supply chain.

The latest report from Rainforest Action Network, ***The Last Place on Earth***, published on 11 November 2014, has brought to light the practices of GAR's downstream suppliers, PT Pati Sari, PT Perkebunan Nusantara and PT Surya Panen Subur II which are sourcing from the Leuser Ecosystem, an area of national importance for economic and environmental reasons. The report also mentioned PT Kallista Alam and we would like to inform that we are not sourcing from this company.

GAR takes this information seriously as our suppliers must comply with our no deforestation commitment as stated in our FCP. We will be initiating the engagement process with the three suppliers and to work with them to ensure that they comply with our policy requirements. In addition, we will also be engaging other suppliers who may be sourcing from the Leuser Ecosystem based on our mapping information. Timely reports of the progress of our engagement with these suppliers will be provided through the GAR Sustainability Dashboard.

Our suppliers are important and we will continue to constructively engage with them to improve and implement sustainable palm oil practices. We believe that multi-stakeholder collaboration is the best way to achieve solutions for sustainable palm oil production.

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