

## STATEMENT ON GREENPEACE'S ARTICLE ON INDONESIA'S FOREST FIRE CRISIS

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 September 2019 - We are writing in response to Greenpeace's article on Indonesia's forest fire crisis.

Genting Group through its subsidiary company, Genting Plantations Berhad is rigorously committed to the development of its oil palm plantations without burning. Genting Plantations Berhad has been a member of the RSPO since 2006 and implements sustainable criteria in all of its operations, which includes the implementation of Zero Burning Policy.

Internally, Genting Plantations has established satellite and drone hotspot monitoring system to assist the surveillance by the internal fire patrol teams. In any incidence of fire, our fire patrol teams will immediately act upon it by reporting such incidence to the local police, along with pictorial evidence and details of action taken, all conducted within 24 hours. Concurrently, we will also report the matter to other authorities, namely *Disbun Perkebunan*, which is the local Plantation Agency. The fire team will work in coordination with the said authorities and local communities (where relevant) to extinguish the fire in the shortest possible time. Additionally, we also report to RSPO through the Internal Fire Hotspot Monitoring form.

We are unable to comment on the accuracy of Greenpeace's data but based on the Kementerian Lindungan Hidup and Kehutanan, Indonesia (Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia) map, the burnt areas (<u>http://geoportal.menlhk.go.id/arcgis/rest/services/KLHK/</u>) are predominantly outside the concession of our Indonesian subsidiary, PT GlobalIndo Agung Lestari. In addition, the Greenpeace's map may have also included areas with hotspot but not owned by PT GlobalIndo Agung Lestari.

This is in line with our internal data for 2016 - 2018, whereby 6.8 hectares of PT GlobalIndo Agung Lestari's land experienced burning during that period. This aside, we also noted that some 203 hectares of community-owned land that encountered burning. These community-owned lands were cultivated with other crops and not with oil palm.

We have responded to Greenpeace via our letter dated 23 September 2019.

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