

**Independent Peat Expert Working Group (IPEWG) on  
APRIL's Sustainable Forest Management Policy (SFMP 2.0)**

– Summary Report for IPEWG Meeting in Kerinci-Indonesia, 21-23 January 2016 –

<b>IPEWG Member Attendance</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supiandi Sabiham</li> <li>2. Chris Evans</li> <li>3. Vincent Gauci</li> <li>4. Susan Page</li> <li>5. Ari Lauren</li> <li>6. Ruth Nussbaum, Surin Sukswan (<i>in attendance</i>)</li> </ol>
<b>IPEWG Support</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Joe Lawson (SAC Chair)</li> <li>8. Jonathan Wootliff (Facilitator)</li> <li>9. Tim Fenton (Secretariat)</li> </ol>
<b>TOPICS of DISCUSSION:</b>	
<p><b>1. APRIL Presentations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Managed vs. Unmanaged Landscape</b></li> <li>2) <b>Indonesian Peat Land Regulation Update</b></li> <li>3) <b>Fire Prevention, Detection &amp; Management</b></li> <li>4) <b>Science Based Management Support Program</b></li> <li>5) <b>Natural Forest Monitoring Results</b></li> <li>6) <b>Response to Wetlands International Report</b></li> <li>7) <b>Monitoring of Pulau Padang and Adindo of SFMP 2.0 Moratorium Commitments</b></li> <li>8) <b>Remaining Water Structure Requirements for Operational Completion:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recently Developed Areas – Pulau Padang and supply-partner Adindo</li> <li>b. Older Development – remaining areas available upon completion of social dispute negotiations</li> <li>c. Proposed New Development – Kubu (supply-partner SRL) and Merbau (supply-partner BRP)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<p><b>2. IPEWG Meeting Protocols:</b></p> <p>IPEWG members developed meeting protocols to manage the working group's and APRIL's time effectively. This was reviewed with APRIL management and documented within the internal Minutes of Meeting to hold the process accountable.</p>	
<p><b>3. Information Requests:</b></p> <p>IPEWG discussed at length the need for detailed peat land information. In order to obtain an informed understanding, IPEWG requires:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Peat depth</li> <li>b. Land Surface topography maps</li> <li>c. HCV maps</li> <li>d. Water Management SOP and standards</li> <li>e. Hydrology systems</li> </ol>	

- f. Plantation strategy and systems
- g. Fire prevention strategy and systems
- h. Current vegetation cover

IPEWG reviewed their requirements with APRIL management and requested time in future meetings to review data collection methodology, storage, analysis, results and interpretations – to understand the systems.

#### **4. IPEWG Overarching Recommendations:**

IPEWG whole-heartedly commits to adding value to APRIL's impressive, existing expertise, acknowledging the broad range of skills inherent in both IPEWG and APRIL.

IPEWG's expectation is to build a body of work that will truly support APRIL's objective to be the world leader in responsible peatland management.

APRIL should primarily use the expertise of IPEWG in a holistic manner, to guide strategic decision-making on the management of their peatland concessions.

APRIL is always welcome to consult with IPEWG on specific issues provided that sufficient notice and information is given to allow the group to reach an informed view.

The IPEWG advisory processes need to be supported by sufficient and timely information.

#### **5. IPEWG Key Recommendations:**

IPEWG supports the Stakeholder Advisory Committee's recommendation to complete the unfinished work in Pulau Padang (livelihood and plantation) – with some detailed inputs, suggestions, opportunities and caveats within 2 weeks time, contingent on provision of information from APRIL, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Consideration to be given to higher water levels in the plantations surrounding the southern forest block;
- b. Consideration to be given to whether this plantation and livelihood areas could be used for piloting alternative water management options; and
- c. A systematic, objective-based approach to assessing the viability of remaining forest patches in the livelihood areas (suggest patch analysis HCS toolkit approach).

IPEWG supports APRIL Supply-partner's proposal to complete Adindo's north Kalimantan operation Blocks A, C, F, and G – recognising the high risk of encroachment in remaining forest areas if work does not proceed - with some detailed inputs, suggestions, opportunities and caveats within 2 weeks time, contingent on provision of information from APRIL, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Moratorium areas to be incorporated as conservation under APRIL's 1:1 program;
- b. Actively protect these areas from encroachment and fire;
- c. Actively engage to protect remaining forest from planned development;
- d. Consideration is given to close the current access canal through the forest, Seseyap Blk A

IPEWG supports APRIL's Supply-partner proposal to complete PT BRP - Merbau - to proceed, in order to protect the integrity of the park – with some detailed inputs, suggestions, opportunities and caveats within 2 weeks time, contingent on provision of information from APRIL, including but not limited to the following:

- a. APRIL to actively engage with land holders surrounding the park and other stakeholders to

actively protect the Kerumutun National Park to ensure its ecological integrity.

#### **5. IPEWG Key Recommendations (continued):**

IPEWG requests more detailed information on the planned completion works for Older Development (social dispute areas) and proposed New Development at Kubu, prior to providing comment, at the next meeting.

IPEWG offers their support to assist with location assessment, installation methodology and operation of the GHG Eddy Flux towers.

APRIL's response to the Wetlands International report was reviewed and all inputs will be taken into consideration in future work.

Community / social considerations must always be factored into APRIL's peat land management and IPEWG will consistently bear this in mind.

APRIL and neighbouring companies should collaborate in coordination with government and / or the Indonesian Forest Company Association (APHI) and Indonesia Oil Palm Company Association (GAPKI).

#### **6. NEXT IPEWG MEETING:**

April 29 – May 2, 2016 in Kerinci, Sumatra, Indonesia