

## IPEWG Special Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**IPEWG** – Dr. Ruth Nussbaum, Prof. Chris Evans, Prof. Supiandi Sabiham, Prof. Fahmuddin Agus, Prof. Dwi Astiani

**APRIL** – Tim Fenton, Craig Tribolet, Taufan Chrisna, Aldo Joson

### Context

1. Meeting is follow-up action from previous meeting (Thu 30 July, 2020) where IPEWG members requested a fresh review of canal development plans for the Dayun Block (Pelalawan North) for their input.

### Presentation

2. Pak Taufan presented APRIL's updated Dayun Block plans taking into account the recent changes, including the resolution of some of the land claims and the ongoing action to resolve the remaining claims, as well as further developments, including construction of new infrastructure by other players in the area related to oil and gas exploration (specifically a road). He also shared what has been undertaken by APRIL as at 30 July 2020, and emphasised that operational activities have been suspended pending inputs from IPEWG and SAC. Once these inputs/recommendations have been considered and actions to resolve concerns have been reported back to SAC and IPEWG, APRIL will resume operational activities..

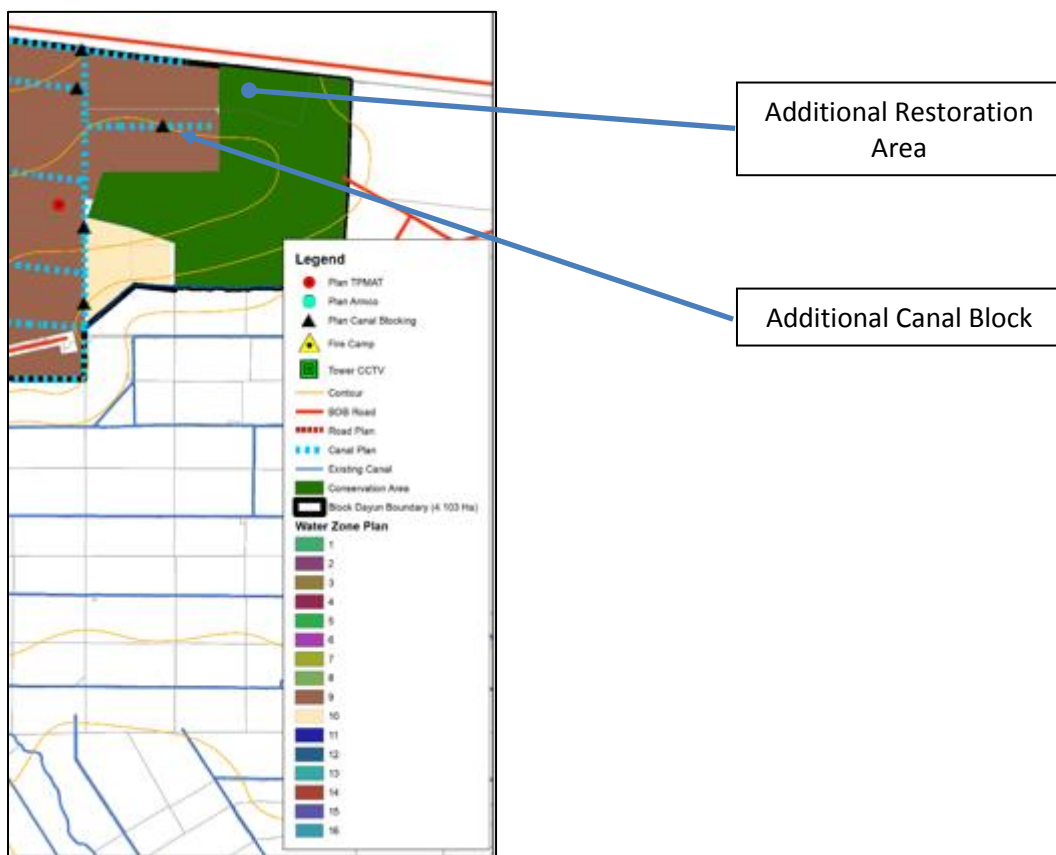
### Key Issues and Action Points

3. **Changes from original plans** – Questions were raised on the single water management zone (see Item #4), the addition of minor water management infrastructure around illegally developed canals and the addition of an area now designated for restoration on the upper right side of the map (see Item #5). APRIL explained these were in response to additional developments in the area in question.
  - **Action point** -- None
4. **Changes to hydrology management once operations have completed** – In contrast to the earlier more complex water management regimes, IPEWG members asked why APRIL projects to only have a single water management regime once development has been completed. Taufan explained that once the canals have been constructed and areas have been planted, they anticipate more consistent and inter-related water table levels for Dayun Block.
  - **Action point** – None
5. **Hydrology near the newly designated restoration area** – The upper right side of Dayun block has now been designated as a conservation/restoration area, in addition to the existing natural forest buffer. IPEWG members raised concerns that the newly built canals may affect the hydrology of the area, and recommended for APRIL to consider having a different water regime, specifically an additional canal block.
  - **Action point** – COMPLETE: APRIL agrees to have a different water management regime for the northeast corner of the area. APRIL have revised the plan and added an additional canal block in line with IPEWG inputs (as per Image 1 below).

6. **Addressing social issues** – Pak Supiandi raised the point that apart from having canals as a source for water for suppression, minimising fire incidents should be top priority. Craig said that Dayun is part of APRIL’s Fire Free Village Programme but the village has so far not had success in keeping its area fire-free. Craig assured IPEWG members that APRIL continues to engage the village pro-actively, and seek to resolve land claims which is largely driving the fire issue.
  - **Action point** – ONGOING: APRIL to continue to update IPEWG on progress/development on the social issues in Dayun

**Other Matters**

7. Craig updated IPEWG members that the Dayun incident has been raised with KPMG following SAC advice.
8. Craig also assured members that updates on any new canal developments will be covered in future IPEWG meetings.
9. Ruth thanked IPEWG members and APRIL for their time and commitment to urgently address the issues.



**Image 1.** Area of additional restoration with Canal Block as per discussion 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020