

IPEWG Meeting

30 Nov 2.30pm wib

IPEWG Members – Ruth, Sue, Chris, Suppiandi, Fahmuddin, Dwi

APRIL – Tim, Craig, Ayi, Aldo

I. Operations update

- Tim said Bu Ayi will now present 2022 canal establishment plans to secure feedback from IPEWG members as part of the established process. Key points and suggested are summarised below.
- **Pulau Padang**
 - All development are on previously cleared area
 - All development are inside plantation concessions
 - All development are outside peat dome areas.
 - Development are in areas that had previous land claims that have been since resolved.
- **PT SRL VI (Bayas)**
 - All development are for fire breaks, patrol access, water source and land optimisation following land claim resolution
 - Additional perimeter canal along southern boundary meant to prevent fire and encroachment
 - All development on previously cleared area, inside Plantation concession
 - All the work outside peat dome area

IPEWG Comments

- **General**
 - IPEWG requests copies of the plans to facilitate feedback. Aldo to send updates are made given requests below.
 - Pak Fahmuddin asked if APRIL is considering to convert community cash crop areas to community acacia plantations because doing so may provide an opportunity for more sequestration esp given APRIL's efficient management of water tables. Pak Tim explained that arrangement can only be done if the community itself wants to do so.

IPEWG Recommendations

- For Pulau Padang and Bayas
 - **Inform SAC.** Given sensitivity of areas esp Pulau Padang, it is recommended for APRIL to brief SAC before construction begins.
 - **Inform communities.** APRIL should also ensure that community members are adequately informed of the planned works.
 - **Conduct hydrological studies.** Chris Evans, Sue Page, Pak Supiandi and Bu Dwi requested for hydrological impact study for additional canal infrastructure to ensure there is no adverse hydrological impact to nearby water systems and areas. This will be

a useful reply should APRIL get queries/attacks that our canal development/extensions. Planning to update with hydrological impact study and sent to IPEWG (via Aldo) for feedback.

- For Bayas
 - Chris Evans requested to ensure canal blocking is applied for new or extended canals. Additional canal blocks for western Bayas perimeter canals should also be planned for. Planning to update ops doc and Aldo to send to IPEWG for feedback.

II. Roadside canal

- Pak Tim and Bu Ayi shared that APRIL plans for additional road construction within the next 2 yrs (2022 and 2023). All construction will be inside concession area and not on peat domes and is aimed to improve accessibility as well as provide a more efficient means of wood transportation. APRIL will continue monitoring of water levels and subsidence as required by regulation. APRIL is consulting IPEWG given the establishment of a new canal of 10m width on the other side of the planned road.

IPEWG comments

- IPEWG members note that this will be a development that will likely show up in satellite images.
- Sue Page asked if there are planned blocks to ensure high water level. Pak Tim said there will be blocks and peat dams established already to actively manage water levels.
- Chris Evans asked why new canals will still be 10m wide if they will not be used for transport. Pak Tim explained they will still be used by smaller barges that deliver wood from nearby compartments to be loaded into the bigger trucks on the road.

IPEWG recommendation

- Sue asked APRIL to do a hydrological modelling study similar to the plantation areas given the possibility of negative perception reaction from NGOs. Chris said if that the hydrological study can show that there will not be drainage and will not have adverse impact on the surrounding area, this can help assuage the concerns that will be raised.

III. APRIL Fibre Self-sufficiency

- In response to recent external stakeholder queries that raised concerns about APRIL's sourcing approach given the confirmed mill expansion, Pak Tim shared the study that demonstrated that APRIL and its long-term supply partners are self-sufficient through increased plantation growth productivity.

IPEWG Comments

- IPEWG members expressed appreciation for the briefing as it demonstrates commitment from APRIL for responsible sourcing.

- When asked if APRIL can share these numbers and the Indufor study to the public given the study is from a reputable organisation, Pak Tim explained it's not to be shared publicly. Ruth shared that sharing the information or even part of it can be useful in deflecting stakeholder concerns on APRIL's growth.
- IPEWG members would be interested to know more about long-term and open-market suppliers that operate on peatland especially on how APRIL influences them to more responsible peatland operations. Craig assured IPEWG members that APRIL is involved in scaling up capacities of long-term and open-market suppliers, as well as how APRIL has been improving its due diligence processes. APRIL to share these processes in 2022 and get IPEWG feedback on what else can be done to improve them.