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*** BBCP UPDATES – CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY ***

PATROLLING OF THE SET-ASIDE AREAS BY THE BBCP RANGERS

Jakarta, 20 April 2018 –The Bumitama Biodiversity and Community Project (“BBCP”) conducts regular patrolling expeditions to monitor the identified zones in set-aside areas of PT Gemilang Makmur Subur (“GMS”) and PT Damai Agro Sejahtera (“DAS”). The patrolling is necessary as it:

- a) Provides opportunity to inventorise; collect photos, samples and seeds of the fragile flora and fauna;
- b) Enables mapping of areas which need reforestation;
- c) Provides occasion for planting of indigenous trees nurtured from our nursery;
- d) Allows for identification of areas of non-licensed logging; and
- e) Acts as an early warning for potential fires.

Our dedicated team of rangers embarks daily from their base camp in the Brajang area to the planned patrolling routes, recording any of the above activities using GPS and camera and then logging their findings into a computerised system.





The rangers often encounter protected species of wildlife, such as the hornbill (*Bucheros vigil*), proboscis monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*) or python (*Python reticulatus*). Thanks to their surveys we have also identified some interesting tree types, such as the *Xantophyllum Amoenum*, which fruits are not only a favourite orangutan menu but can also be used to produce a natural shampoo. We hope that some of the plants could be utilised by the local community as non-timber forest products.



To prevent deforestation of our set-aside areas and other protected forests in the landscape, we give special attention to any non-licensed logging activities discovered during the patrolling expeditions. Perpetrators are approached by the rangers when the opportunity arises and informed about the potential criminality and destructive nature of their conduct to the environment. Instead of reporting such cases we offer them a prospect of alternative livelihood in our integrated farming area, where they could be allocated a small plot to

harvest their organically grown produce whilst learning about natural integrated farming methods. We are hopeful that after a couple of cycles they would be able to replicate the same results in their own community land, without the need to resort back to logging.



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