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PT Toba Pulp Lestari Engagement with Earthworm Foundation

In October 2022, PT Toba Pulp Lestari Tbk (TPL or 'the company'), a forest management company operating in North Sumatera, Indonesia, has signed an agreement with Earthworm Foundation (EF) to review and improve the company's community engagement approach. TPL and EF's engagement will be implemented in two phases.

Firstly, EF will be conducting an objective review of TPL's current social engagement systems, processes and practices, including its approach to land claims and grievance resolution, with a view to strengthening these following international standards and/or industry best practices. The EF team will be deployed to the field in mid-October to understand the company's operation and to meet with a wide range of key stakeholders, such as local communities, civil society organisations (CSOs), government representatives, and other relevant parties.

Secondly, EF will work with TPL on targeted recommendations and a specific, time-bound action plan. EF's core findings from phase one will be the nucleus to developing a series of targeted recommendations, as well as supporting TPL to formulate an action plan where improvements can be applied in short, medium and long term.

As TPL is committed to resolving land claims and grievances where possible, and as we pledge to operate transparently, we will provide periodic public updates on this engagement.

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