

## **TPL Increases Production by Planting Eucalyptus in Tapsel Region**

PT Toba Pulp Lestari, Tbk (TPL) as one of the largest pulp producing companies in Indonesia marketed domestically and abroad. The company, whose factory is domiciled in Sosor Ladang Hamlet, Pangomburan Village, Parmaksian District, Toba Regency, has concession permits in several areas of North Sumatra Province.

TPL's operational concession area covers an area of 167,912 hectares covering 12 regencies/cities, namely, Toba Regency, North Tapanuli, Humbang Hasundutan, South Tapanuli, North Padang Lawas, Padang Sidempuan Simalungun, Samosir, Dairi and Pakpak Bharat. The concession area used by TPL is a plantation to grow eucalyptus as a raw material for pulp production.

The largest eucalyptus plantation in Indonesia is managed in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner. Harvesting and fulfillment of wood raw materials are carried out in accordance with the annual production plan.

In 2024, TPL will focus on the development and management of land for the cultivation of Eucalyptus as a pulp raw material, in the Southern Tapanuli concession area (Tabagsel) with an area of 28,340 Ha. In this case, it includes South Tapanuli, Padang Sidempuan, and North Padang Lawas (Paluta).

The location of the plantation activities is in the Company's Forest Utilization Business Licensing Area (PBPH) based on the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. 493/Kpts-II/1992, as last amended by the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry No: SK. 1487/Menlhk/Setjen/HPL.0/12/2021.

The whole is a National Forest area as per the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK. 579/Menhut-II/2014 concerning Forest Areas of North Sumatra Province jo. Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia No: SK.6609/MENLHK-PKTL/KUH/PLA.2/10/2021, concerning the Development Map of Forest Areas in North Sumatra Province Until 2020.

Then the boundary arrangement has also been carried out based on the Decree of the Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia No: SK. 704/Menhut-II/2013 dated October 21, 2013 concerning the Determination of the Company's PBPH Working Area Limits.

"As a company that has been granted a permit in the management of Industrial Plantation Forests (HTI), the company has a concession permit by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK), which is recorded in Decree No. 1487 Addendum IX of 2021 with an area of 28,340 hectares," said Monang Simatupang, one of the Directors of TPL.

Monang Simatupang also said that in accordance with the new paradigm program, TPL always prioritizes a sustainable forest management system (Sustainability), as has been running and has been carried out by the company, in a number of corporate HTI sectors in North Sumatra.

Furthermore, Monang Simatupang said that the existence and operational activities, especially in the Tabagsel area, also make a great contribution to the economic development of the surrounding community. Starting from the recruitment of workers taken from regional sons, company worker partners, and increasing corporate social support to the community through the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

"We hope for support from the entire community and the government in the development of the company's operations. Starting from economic improvement to environmental policies and the

implementation of sustainable forest management strategies, it is an important part of the company's activities.

In fact, the company also has obligations regulated in the law in the management of biodiversity, flora and fauna protection, as well as pollution prevention as a guideline for responsible environmental management," said Monang Simatupang.