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### **TPL's self-imposed Moratorium on any Forest Conversion into Forestry Plantations**

TPL reaffirms the commitment in place since 30 June 2014 regarding the voluntary moratorium on any forest conversion into forestry plantations. This commitment to no deforestation and responsible sourcing is laid out in the company's **Sustainability Policy** and **Wood and Fiber Sourcing Policy**.

The company also commits to respect the rights of local communities, including indigenous groups, by adopting the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in its engagement with the communities, including in the resolution of grievances and land claims, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and international human rights norms. TPL continues to strengthen its approach to community engagement, which has seen the company put in place improved SOPs. The company is also working with communities and Government representatives to undertake community-led participatory mapping of village boundaries, particularly in areas where there are claims of overlapping boundaries and land rights.\*

These two fundamental commitments provide the necessary safeguards in ensuring TPL will not operate or establish any new plantations that will either cause deforestation, violate human rights or disregard FPIC principles. In addition, TPL SOP also states that in cases of any verified land claim, a moratorium on operations activity will be imposed until a fair and mutually agreed resolution is achieved with the impacted rights holders or through representatives explicitly chosen by them following proper FPIC processes.

*\*Details of the participatory mapping activities are reported in the publicly accessible progress updates, including those conducted in Sionom Hudon Timur Village ([1](#), [2](#)) and Simataniari Village (home to the Pargamanan-Bintang Maria group) ([3](#), [4](#)).*