

Strengthening Rural Infrastructure, TPL Provides Support for Retaining Wall Construction in Toba

Sihilangon Hamlet, Pangombusan Village, Parmaksian District, Toba Regency, now has new infrastructure that addresses the needs of the local community. On Monday, November 25, 2024, PT Toba Pulp Lestari, Tbk (TPL) officially handed over the construction support for a Retaining Wall (TPT) to the residents of Pangombusan Village. The event, held in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, was attended by various community representatives and company officials.

The 120-meter-long and approximately 2-meter-high retaining wall, including its foundation, was built to address an urgent community need. The road in Sihilangon Hamlet, a vital access route for residents, particularly farmers, had previously been at risk due to frequent landslides. With the completion of this retaining wall, the route is now safer, providing peace of mind to the community members who rely on it for their daily economic activities, especially in agriculture.

The official handover was conducted by TPL's Public Relations Officer, Suarno Simatupang, alongside Rikky Hutabarat and Community Development (CD) Officer, Hema Butar-butur. The support was received directly by Pangombusan Village Head, Hardi Manurung, representing the community. Also present were Chairman of the Village Consultative Body (BPD), Sihol Manurung, village officials, and residents of Sihilangon Hamlet, who witnessed this significant moment.

In his speech, Hardi Manurung expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the support provided. *"On behalf of the people of Pangombusan Village, especially the residents of Sihilangon Hamlet, we extend our deepest gratitude to PT TPL for its care and attention."*

"The construction of this retaining wall greatly helps our community, particularly the farmers, by ensuring safe road access. We are committed to maintaining and preserving this facility so it can continue to benefit us in the long run," he added.

Meanwhile, Suarno Simatupang emphasized the company's hope for a stronger relationship with the community in the future.

"We hope this retaining wall will provide great benefits to the people, particularly in supporting economic activities in Pangombusan Village. May the relationship between TPL and the community continue to grow positively, allowing for even more collaboration in the future," Suarno stated.

He also highlighted the importance of the community's role in maintaining the infrastructure.

"This facility is part of our joint efforts to create a better environment. We believe that with strong cooperation, the benefits of this support can be sustained for the long term," he added.

This handover event serves as a tangible proof of collaboration between the company and the community in delivering impactful solutions for local well-being. The presence of this retaining wall is expected to mark the beginning of many other positive synergies in the future.