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UPDATES ON SECTION 54B FORESTS ORDINANCE (SARAWAK CAP 126) AND BRIEFING ON SKILLS TRAINING IN THE FORESTRY SECTOR

A briefing on *Updates on Section 54B Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap 126) and Briefing on Skills Training in the Forestry Sector* was given at each of the four regions; Wisma STA in Kuching on 27 April 2010, Mega Hotel in Miri on 28 April 2010, Li Hua Hotel in Bintulu on 29 April 2010 and Tanahmas Hotel in Sibu on 30 April 2010. The purpose of this Update are to ensure other relevant personnel involved training are aware of the proposed date of implementation and important information contained the Training Rules for implementing Section 54B of Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap 126), the change in training delivery method and the proposed financial

incentives for Member Companies at the end of the three-year programme.

Dr. Peter Kho, manager of STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), introduced to all those attending the Update, STA Training Sdn Bhd and briefed them on the benefits of training, the proposed date when Section 54B of Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap 126) is expected to come into force, the prescribed activities covered by this Section, statistics on trainers and trained workers in the various skills sets for all the participating Member Companies and the proposed financial incentives. Mr. Peter Peros anak Kunok,

Training Officer from STAT gave a briefing on the Training Seminar Concept including why and how STAT offer this programme and highlighted the problems faced by trainers and assessors of the Company.

Mr. Karl Bowman, Trainer from STAT highlighted the urgent need for training a team of workers for Member Companies who will be harvesting their planted forests soon. He then presented the Unit Standards for the four skills sets that will be taught to candidates nominated by STA Member Companies whom are involved in planted forests.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS

MTCC will be moving to its new office premises with effect from 31 May 2010. Their new address and contact details are as follows:

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Did you know that...

The Johor and Terengganu Forest Management units (FMUs) have been awarded with the accredited Certificate for Forest Management (Natural Forest) against the requirements of the MC&I(2002) by SGS Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., on 1 April 2010. With the certification, both the FMUs have become the second and third FMUs in Peninsular Malaysia to become PEFC-certified.

MTCS-certified logs originating from the those FMUs from 1 April 2010 onwards as well as product manufactured from these logs by PEFC-certified CoC companies are now eligible to carry the PEFC logo.

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WORLD FORESTRY DAY 2010

World Forestry Day falls on 21 March every year. However this year the day was commemorated on 28 April. The Organising Committee comprising the Forest Department, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn. Bhd., Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn. Bhd. and the Sarawak Timber Association decided to centre the commemoration in Lawas at the request of the Second Minister of Planning and Resource Management, Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hassan. The

commemoration was officially launched in Lawas on 28 April by the Minister himself. Present at the launching ceremony were Encik Maria Hasman (Resident Limbang Division), Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh (Forest Department and Sarawak Forestry Corporation), Datu Haji Sarudu Haji Hoklai (STIDC), Haji Abdul Hadi Hj Abdul Kadir (Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd), Dr. Joseph Jawa Kendawang (Sarawak Planted Forest), Dr. Lee Hua Seng (STA), local representatives of the State Legislature, community leaders and other dignitaries.

In conjunction with

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SEMINAR ON IMPROVED UTILISATION OF TROPICAL PLANTATION TIMBERS

The Seminar, jointly organised by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (NRE), Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Timber Research and Technical Training Centre (TRTTC) and Forest Research Centre (FRC) on 23 March 2010, was declared opened by Y Bhg Dato' Dr. Abdul Rashid bin Hj Abd. Malik, Deputy Director General (Research & Development), was one of the outputs of a three-year project entitled, "Improving Utilisation and Value-adding of Plantation Timbers from Sustainable Sources in Malaysia" under ITTO Project PD 306/04(I).

The theme of the Seminar, *Seminar on Plantation Timbers – a Viable Timber Resource* was attended by some 150 participants. 10 papers were presented as follows:

- (i) *Roles of ITTO in the promotion of sustainable forest plantation projects in member countries* by Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, ITTO, Yokohama, Japan,
- (ii) *Important roles of forest plantations – innovative uses of plantation timbers in Japan* by Dr. Koichi Yamamoto, Tohoku Research Centre, Forestry and Forest

the commemoration the following events were organised:

- *Colouring Competition for Students in Lawas*
- *Public Free Health Screening*
- *Blood Donation*
- *Tree Planting*
- *Public Exhibition on Forestry and the Timber Industry*

A visit was also made to the General Hospital at Lawas during which hampers were handed to patients. Hampers for the hospital patients and blood donors were contributed by STA. STA shared a booth with STIDC at the exhibition.

- (iii) *Wood from plantation in Japan – Challenges and Opportunities* by Hideaki Takai, Assistant Director, Wood Products Trade Office, Forestry Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan,
- (iv) *Forest Plantation Programme in Malaysia – the way forward* by Zaini

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- Ithnin Hj A. Razak, CEO, Forest Plantation Development Bhd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,
- (v) *Research and Utilisation of Plantation-grown timbers in China* by Professor Zhou Yongdong, Research Institute of Wood Industry, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing, China,
 - (vi) *Development of private commercial forest plantation in Malaysia (case study) – A personal perspective* by Mr. Ong Chye Lye,
 - (vii) *Wood properties and utilization opportunities of selected plantation-grown species in Malaysia* by Dr. Tan Yu Eng, Forest Research Institute Malaysia,

- (viii) *Drying of Acacia mangium using conventional kiln drying system* by Dr. Gan Kee Seng, Forest Research Institute Malaysia,
- (ix) *The development of energy saving technology in wood technology* by Dr. Kiyohiko Fujimoto, Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan,
- (x) *Case study on monitoring technique of wooden truss bridge using ultrasound method* by Dr. Hideo Kato, Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute, Japan.

It is noted that China intends to establish 13 million hectares of fast-growing commercial tree plantations by the year 2015, culminating in a projected supply of 130 million m³ of timber then.

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COMPLIANCE WITH ISPM 15 FOR WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS COURSE

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Publication 15, (ISPM 15) is an international standard on regulating wood packaging material (WPM) in the international trade. It was adopted in 2002 by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) as part of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Timber

Research and Technical Training Centre of the Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the Crop Protection and Plant Quarantine Services of the Department of Agriculture Sarawak and the Sarawak Timber Association jointly organised a 3-day course on *Compliance with ISPM-15 for Wood Packaging Materials* for representatives of Member Companies of the Association from 9 to

Under the “Revival Plan of Forest and Forestry” as announced by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in year 2009, Japan targets to increase the percentage of domestic wood supply from 24% to 50% by year 2018.

Participants at the Seminar were alerted to the problems encountered by the Industry when drying *Acacia mangium* boards. Owing to the huge areas of *Acacia mangium* planted in Malaysia, representatives from the industry requested the three research bodies to work together to address the problem.

Electronic or printed versions of the abstracts and presentations are available from the STA Secretariat at a nominal charge.

11 March 2010.

A total of 20 participants attended the course; 16 participants from the industry and 4 participants from the Crop Protection and Plant Quarantine Services of the Department of Agriculture Sarawak.

Topics covered in the 3-day course included the background to

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Did you also know that...

According to a UN report, the rate at which the world's forests are disappearing slowed between 2000 and 2010 compared with the previous decade. Since 2000 13mn hectares (ha) of the world's forests have disappeared per year, compared with 16mn ha per year between 1990 and 1999. In recent times, Brazil and Indonesia have seen the largest rates of forest destruction.

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PGDIP (SUSTAINABLE TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT)

Students from the *Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management)*, a course run jointly by Lincoln University, New Zealand and STA through its wholly-owned company STA Training Sdn Bhd, visited Kampung Simuti, Annah Rais, Kuching on 19 April 2010 to survey on the land use of the area from the local residents. This exercise is part of the course on the social aspects of sustainable forest management.

The students learned ways to set up a research project and design survey

questionnaires. In the survey conducted, students asked residents questions about the types of products that they grow and gather from the forest and where they carry out these activities. The results shall be used in their project, which included maps created using GIS and provide an analysis of land use and its importance to the local community.

Their visit was accompanied by Pemanca Austin Dimin, Associate Professor Dr Hugh Bigsby from Lincoln University and Dr Peter Kho from STA.

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ISPM-15, the procedure to register heat treatment facility with the Department of Agriculture, the technical requirements of a heat treatment facility, the operations and management of a heat treatment facility.

The course concluded with a visit to Kuching Plywood Berhad.