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Combined March and April 2020 Issues of STA Review

Dear Members and Readers,

In order to provide you with a more comprehensive reading experience, the March 2020 and April 2020 issues of STA Review have been combined. This is also taking into consideration that most activities and events of the forestry and timber industry have been cancelled or limited due to the current enforcement of the Movement Control Order which started on 18 March 2020. We thank you for your kind understanding and support. Stay safe and healthy.

Editorial Board of STA Review

Ahli-ahli dan Pembaca yang dihormati,

Untuk memberikan anda pengalaman membaca yang lebih komprehensif, terbitan STA Review edisi Mac 2020 dan April 2020 telah digabungkan. Ianya dipertimbangkan berikutan kebanyakan aktiviti dan peristiwa industri perhutanan dan perkayuan telah dibatalkan atau dihadkan berikutan penguatkuasaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan bermula pada 18 Mac 2020. Kami mengucapkan terima kasih atas pengertian dan sokongan anda. Kekal selamat dan sihat.

Lembaga Pengarang STA Review

致尊敬的会员与读者，

为了提供您更全面的阅读体验，本会将2020年3月和2020年4月的 STA Review 期刊合并发行。这是考量到从2020年3月18日开始执行的行动管制令，林业和木材工业大多数的活动已被取消或限制。我们感谢您的理解和支持。请保持安全与健康。

STA Review 编辑委员会启

STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 1/2020

STA Panel Products Committee met for the first time this year on 9 March 2020 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Mr Paul Wong, Committee Honorary Secretary, was elected to chair the Meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman.

The Meeting discussed and shared information on the current log and plywood production and market situation. The Meeting also received detailed report of the 22nd Tri-Nation Joint Meeting of Japan Lumber Importers' Association (JLIA), Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association (JPMA), Assosiasi Panel Kayu Indonesia (APKINDO), Sabah Timber Industries Association (STIA) and STA which was successfully hosted by STA on 19 September 2019 at Wisma STA.

The Meeting noted that plywood members are seeking Sarawak Government's intervention to assist the timber industry especially plywood manufacturers whose production volumes have reduced drastically due to high production costs. The Meeting discussed and proposed various measures which the Sarawak Government can adopt to regain market share.

These proposed measures which focused on cost reduction will be put forward during a meeting between the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and STA plywood members on 10 March 2020.



Meeting in progress

STA合板小组委员会于2020年3月9日假古晋STA大厦召开本年度第一次会议。委员会名誉秘书黄守南先生在委员会主席缺席的情况下获选主持会议。

会议讨论和分享相关当前原木和胶合板生产及市场情况的资讯。

会议记录胶合板会员正在寻求砂拉越政府的干涉以协助木材业。

Jawatankuasa Produk Panel STA bertemu untuk kali pertama bagi tahun ini pada 9 Mac 2020 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Encik Paul Wong, Setiausaha Kehormat, dilantik untuk mempengerusikan Mesyuarat berikutan ketiadaan Pengerusi Jawatankuasa.

Mesyuarat membincangkan dan berkongsi maklumat mengenai pengeluaran semasa kayu balak dan papan lapis serta situasi pasaran.

Mesyuarat mengambil maklum bahawa ahli-ahli papan lapis sedang memohon campur tangan Kerajaan Sarawak untuk membantu industri perikanan.

Meeting between STIDC and STA Plywood Members

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) called a Meeting with STA plywood members on 10 March 2020 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. This was a follow up Meeting to an earlier dialogue between STIDC and STA plywood members on 16 October 2019 with the objective to understand the current issues faced by plywood members.

The Meeting was chaired by Tuan Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC. Ten (10) STA plywood members led by Dato' Sri Patrick Wong Haw Yeong together with officers from the STA Secretariat, attended the Meeting.

During the Meeting, Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, in her presentation, reiterated the appeals which were put forward to STIDC during the dialogue on 16 October 2019. Ms Ting highlighted the decline in Sarawak's plywood production volume from year 2016 to 2019. She pointed out that even though there is still global demand for plywood, soaring production costs of Sarawak plywood have led to uncompetitive pricing and Sarawak losing its market share. She also presented various measures which the Sarawak Government can work closely with the industry to evaluate and implement to regain the market share.

Tuan Haji Hashim conveyed that STIDC has been actively engaging relevant ministries and agencies to find solutions especially pertaining to reduction of production costs. Both STIDC and STA also agreed to collaborate and present a proposal to the Sarawak Government on measures to assist the plywood members and timber industry for the benefit of the State.



Meeting in progress

砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)和STA胶合板会员于2020年3月10日假古晋资源大厦召开会议。会议由 STIDC 总经理哈芝哈信先生主持。

STA首席执行官陈燕贞小姐在会议中重申在2019年10月16日举行的对话会期间向STIDC提出的呼吁。她也提出砂拉越政府可以与企业紧密合作的各种评估和实施措施以重新获得市场份额。

哈芝哈信先生表示 STIDC 一直积极与有关部门和机构合作，以寻求解决方案，尤其是在降低生产成本方面。

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat bersama dengan ahli-ahli papan lapis STA pada 10 Mac 2020 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Tuan Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, Pengurus Besar STIDC.

Semasa Mesyuarat, Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, dalam pembentangnya mengulangi rayuan yang telah dikemukakan kepada STIDC semasa dialog pada 16 Oktober 2019. Beliau membentangkan pelbagai langkah yang dapat dilakukan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak bersama dengan industri untuk menilai dan dilaksanakan untuk mendapatkan semula bahagian pasaran.

Tuan Haji Hashim memberitahu bahawa STIDC aktif melibatkan kementerian dan agensi yang berkaitan untuk mencari solusi terutamanya tentang pengurangan kos pengeluaran.

Enforcement of Protected Plants in Sarawak

A Meeting between Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, and Tuan Haji Zolkipli Bin Mohamad Aton, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), and senior officers from SFC and STA, was held on 4 March 2020 at SFC Office, Kuching, to discuss and understand matters related to enforcement of protected plants in Sarawak following concerns raised by STA members.

With the recent restructuring of Forest Department Sarawak and SFC, the Meeting noted that duties of the Controller of Wild Life has been taken over by SFC. This has led to SFC focusing on some key areas which include enforcement of protected plants in Sarawak. SFC will be conducting inspection on protected plants at landing site or log pond. The protected plants may also be restricted for local use only in the near future. Prior approval from the Controller of Wild Life also needs to be obtained for felling of protected plants such as tapang, menggris, etc, within a licenced area including salvage area, which is as listed in the Second Schedule of the *Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998*.

Similarly, licence to export protected plant has to be obtained from the Controller of Wild Life for exporting these protected plants, including those that have been converted

to timber products such as sawn timber. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the *Wild Life Protection Rules, 1998*, the export licence fee up to a maximum of RM10 per plant / part, which was waived by the previous Controller of Wild Life, shall be charged with immediate effect.

STA highlighted that any procedural changes and policy implementation will directly impact the forestry and timber industry, and appealed to SFC to provide advance notifications to the industry. STA also expressed its willingness to work closely with SFC in achieving a smooth transition for the restructuring exercise.

日前本会会员提及有关砂拉越受保护植物的执法的顾虑，为增进了解，本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐、砂拉越林业机构（SFC）首席执行官哈兹祖基比利及SFC与STA高级职员于2020年3月4日在SFC古晋办公处进行会议。

本会在会议中强调任何程序上的变化及政策的执行将直接影响林业及木材工业，因此呼吁SFC能够提前通知该工业。

Mesyuarat di antara Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA dan Tuan Haji Zolkipli Bin Mohamad Aton, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) dan para pegawai kanan SFC dan STA telah diadakan pada 4 Mac 2020 di Pejabat SFC, Kuching. Mesyuarat bertujuan untuk membincangkan dan memahami penguatkuasaan tumbuhan terlindung di Sarawak berikutan kebimbangan yang diutarakan oleh ahli-ahli STA.

STA menekankan bahawa sebarang perubahan dalam prosedur dan pelaksanaan dasar akan memberi kesan secara langsung kepada industri perhutanan dan perkayuan, dan menyeru SFC untuk memberi pemberitahuan awal kepada industri.

Meeting on Appeal Made to MOF Pertaining to Carry Forward of Unabsorbed Business Losses for Forest Plantation Industry

Several timber trade associations, namely Malaysian Timber Association, Timber Association of Sabah, Persatuan Pengusaha-Pengusaha Ladang Hutan Negeri Kelantan and STA met on 2 March 2020 at Menara PGRM, Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of this Meeting was to discuss the additional information requested by the Ministry of Finance (MOF) in relation to the appeal to exempt forest plantation industry from the seven-year limitation to carry forward unabsorbed business losses.

During the Meeting, the associations shared information on the forest plantation industry in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak as well as impact of the seven-year limitation to carry forward unabsorbed business losses on the industry. The associations also discussed proposals to be submitted for MOF's consideration.

数个木材贸易协会于2020年3月2日假吉隆坡民政大厦举行了一项会议。该会议旨在讨论财政部 (MOF) 所要求的有关豁免人工造林工业结转未吸收业务损失的7年限制提出上诉的额外资料。

Beberapa persatuan perdagangan kayu telah bermesyuarat pada 2 Mac 2020 di Menara PGRM, Kuala Lumpur. Tujuan Mesyuarat adalah untuk membincangkan maklumat tambahan yang diperlukan oleh Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) berkaitan dengan rayuan pengecualian industri perladangan hutan daripada had tujuh tahun untuk membawa kerugian perniagaan yang tidak diserap.

STA OSH Committee Meeting No 1/2020

The STA Council in its Meeting No 3/2019 dated 17 December 2019 approved the formation of STA Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Committee with the objectives to deal with matters relating to OSH in the forestry and timber industry, to liaise with the relevant OSH government agencies, and to facilitate compliance of OSH requirements by members of STA.

The STA OSH Committee comprising seven (7) members convened its first meeting on 6 March 2020 at WTK Office, Sibuluan. Mr Chang Kuet Ming from Samling Group was elected as the Chairman of STA OSH Committee. He thanked everyone for being present and urged members to work together in enhancing OSH practices in the forestry and timber industry to prevent accidents through information sharing and developing a common guidelines or documents related to OSH.



Meeting in progress

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, briefed the Committee members on the background and objectives of the STA OSH Committee. She also shared that Ir Dr Nor Halim Bin Hasan, Director of the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak, in the Meeting held on 24 February 2020, stated that to enhance workplace safety in the forestry and timber industry, DOSH intends to explore different approaches from the existing tripartite OSH campaign of DOSH Sarawak, STA and Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), as well as to develop an OSH module for the industry which was a similar approach taken by DOSH Sarawak with the Sibuluan Shipyard Association in 2019.

The OSH module for the industry will cover operational hazard identification and risk control for different logging activities such as tree felling, log extraction, log loading and log transportation. The details of this module will be further discussed in subsequent workshops. Once developed, the module can be used by STA or OSH Coordinators to train forestry operators and for industry to move towards self-regulation.

The members supported the collaboration between DOSH Sarawak, STA and STIDC in improving OSH compliance in the forestry and timber industry, and felt that operational hazard identification and risk control should be developed as a generic document for the industry. Individual companies can further develop the generic document to include specific hazards and risk control as well as risk assessment based on the companies' own operating procedures and ground practices.

由七（7）名会员组成的本会职业安全与卫生（OSH）委员会于2020年3月6日在诗巫黄传宽办公处召集第一次会议。会议投选出来自三林集团的郑国明成为本会OSH委员会的主席。

本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐向委员会成员介绍本会OSH委员会的背景和目标。会员支持砂拉越职业安全与卫生局（DOSH）与砂拉越木材工业发展机构（STIDC）及本会之间的合作，以提高林业和木材工业对职业安全与卫生的遵守程度。



STA OSH Committee members and its Chairman, Mr Chang Kuet Ming (seated, centre) with STA Secretariat staff

Jawatankuasa Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (OSH) STA yang merangkumi tujuh (7) ahli mengadakan mesyuarat pertamanya pada 6 Mac 2020 di Pejabat WTK, Sibuluan.

Encik Chang Kuet Ming daripada Kumpulan Samling dilantik sebagai Pengerusi Jawatankuasa OSH STA. Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, memberi taklimat kepada ahli Jawatankuasa tentang latar belakang dan objektif Jawatankuasa ini.

Ahli-ahli menyokong kerjasama di antara Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (DOSH) Sarawak, STA dan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) dalam meningkatkan pematuhan terhadap OSH dalam industri perhutanan dan perikanan.

Meeting with Forestry & Timber Industry Stakeholders called by DOSH Sarawak

The members of STA Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Committee, STA Secretariat and officers from Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation attended a Meeting with the forestry and timber industry stakeholders called by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak at DOSH Office, Sibü Branch, on 6 March 2020. The Meeting was chaired by Ir Dr Nor Halim Bin Hasan, Director of DOSH Sarawak.



STA OSH Committee Members and STA Secretariat staff with the Director of DOSH Sarawak (seated 3rd from right)

In his Opening Remarks, Ir Dr Nor Halim mentioned that the purpose of this Meeting was to discuss and develop a module with the objective to enhance workplace safety in particular at logging areas. He further said that it is the responsibility of both employers and employees in ensuring workplace safety. He shared the experience of DOSH in collaborating with Sibü Shipyard Association in 2019 where they had successfully prevented accidents using the generic Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Risk Control (HIRARC) model developed by DOSH for the shipping industry, and which is now used throughout Malaysia. He hoped that the forestry and timber industry can emulate the effort and collaboration between DOSH and Sibü Shipyard Association.

Ms Christy Claire De Guzman from DOSH Kuching shared on the OSH Coordinator Programme developed by DOSH for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to comply with OSH requirements. The programme modules are divided into three (3) parts comprising (i) legislative requirement; (ii) HIRARC; and Work Improvement of Small Enterprises (WISE).

The Meeting acknowledged that the proposed module for forestry and timber industry shall also include jetty and workshop besides tree felling, log extraction, log loading and log transportation.



Ir Dr Nor Halim Bin Hasan, Director of DOSH Sarawak (far centre), chairing the Meeting

Mr Chai Chong Foong from Investigation and Prosecution Section, DOSH, presented statistics on OSH compliance of the logging sector in Sarawak. Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, stated that the Meeting is a good platform to discuss safety issues and STA is supportive of such initiative including development of training modules on safety with DOSH. Mr Chang Kuet Ming, Chairman of STA OSH Committee, thanked DOSH for inviting STA to the Meeting and he hoped that all parties can work together to enhance workplace safety and prevent accidents from happening in the forestry and timber industry.

During discussion, Ir Dr Nor Halim shared that this year in Sarawak, DOSH has three (3) high impact programmes which include (i) safety collaboration with non-governmental organisations; (ii) collaboration with forestry and timber industry; and (iii) industry awareness on noise-induced hearing loss. He also said that DOSH will be collaborating with STA to come up with a training module, and suggested that STA or OSH Coordinators can train the members based on the developed modules and provide guidance through workshops.

Ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (OSH) STA, Sekretariat STA dan para pegawai daripada Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak telah menghadiri Mesyuarat bersama pihak berkepentingan industri perhutanan dan perkayuan yang diadakan oleh Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (DOSH) Sarawak di Pejabat DOSH, Cawangan Sibü pada 6 Mac 2020. Mesyuarat tersebut telah dipengerusikan oleh Ir Dr Nor Halim Bin Hasan, Pengarah DOSH Sarawak.

Dalam Ucapan Pembukaannya, Ir Dr Nor Halim memaklumkan tujuan Mesyuarat adalah untuk membincangkan dan membangunkan modul dengan objektif memperkasakan keselamatan di tempat kerja khususnya di kawasan pembalakan. Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA menyatakan bahawa Mesyuarat itu merupakan platform yang baik untuk membincangkan isu keselamatan dan STA menyokong inisiatif tersebut termasuk membangunkan modul latihan keselamatan dengan DOSH.

Semasa perbincangan, Ir Dr Nor Halim berkongsi tiga (3) program berimpak tinggi yang akan dilaksanakan oleh DOSH di Sarawak pada tahun ini. Mesyuarat mengambil maklum cadangan modul industri perhutanan dan perkayuan yang turut merangkumi jeti dan bengkel selain daripada penebangan pokok, penarikan balak, pemuatan balak dan pengangkutan balak.

作为林业及木材工业利益相关者，本会职业安全与卫生（OSH）委员会会员与秘书处以及砂拉越木材工业发展机构（STIDC）官员、出席由砂拉越职业安全与卫生局（DOSH）于2020年3月6日在该局诗巫办公处召开的会议。该会议由 DOSH 局长诺哈林医生主持。

在其致辞中，诺哈林医生提到召开该会议的目的是为讨论及发展一个为提升职场安全，尤其是伐木区的模组。本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐表示，该会议是讨论安全问题的良好平台，本会也支持该会议的倡议，包括开发与 DOSH 有关的安全培训模组。

在讨论当中，诺哈林医生分享今年 DOSH 在砂拉越三（3）项高影响力计划。会议确认，所拟议的林业和木材工业模组除砍伐树木，采伐原木，装载原木和运输原木外，还应包括码头和车间。

Responding to the COVID-19 Crisis

COVID-19 caught the world off guard and the world is woefully underprepared. Malaysia and its people are not spared from facing the overwhelming and unpredictable challenges brought about by the impacts of the expanding COVID-19 pandemic.

To break the chain of the COVID-19 spread, our Government acted swiftly by imposing a Movement Control Order (MCO) starting from 18 March 2020. This enforcement has essentially restricted movements into and within the country. All non-essential businesses and services were ordered to stop operation and the people to stay at home. This has substantially put a large segment of the Malaysian economy at a standstill and the livelihoods of many Malaysians at risk.

This unprecedented move by our Government raised great concerns among the timber industry players in Sarawak, and STA immediately engaged with the relevant authorities to allow certain activities of the industry which are isolated from the densely populated city areas to operate in order to minimise the damage of MCO to the industry. STA is grateful that the State Government was in agreement with the industry and recognised the need for certain economic activities to operate minimally during the MCO period to safeguard the livelihoods of the people and keep the economy in Sarawak going where possible, without jeopardising the Government's effort to curb the spread of COVID-19. The activities permitted to operate with minimal workforce include both upstream and downstream sectors of the industry as well as factories in Samalaju Industrial Park and Samajaya Hi-Tech Park.

Following this, our Federal Government rolled out the *"Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package"* on 27 March 2020 valued at RM 250 billion and the *"Additional Prihatin SME Economic Stimulus Package (Prihatin SME+)"* on 6 April 2020 to assist people and businesses to better respond to the challenges.

The Chief Minister of Sarawak also announced the *"Sarawakku Sayang Special Assistance Package 1.0"* worth RM1.15 billion on 23 March 2020 to support frontline personnel, households and business communities through sixteen (16) measures. This was followed by the *"Sarawakku Sayang Special Assistance Package 2.0"* to ease the financial burden of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the State as well as hawkers and small traders.

The numerous measures announced by the Government include wage subsidy programme, discounts on electricity, water, land rent and assessment rate, interest free soft loans for SMEs, reduction of levy on foreign workers, etc.

STA applauds the speed of our Government in responding to the COVID-19 crisis to save lives and to stabilise the country's economy. However, the various packages introduced by the Government to help the nation to better respond to the challenges of COVID-19 are not providing adequate assistance to some industries. As it is becoming clear that the economic disruption brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic is on an extraordinary level worldwide, timber industry players are gravely concerned that this will leave many businesses bankrupt and workers without jobs if there is no further interference and assistance from the Government. During this period, STA actively worked together with the relevant Government agencies to iron out concerns of its members and the industry as well as to keep its members informed and updated on pertinent information so that they are able to make necessary adjustments on the ground.

Hearing the outcry of businesses and to better address their concerns, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Industrial Terminal and Entrepreneur Development (MINTRED) Sarawak called for a Meeting on 1 April 2020 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching, to gather inputs and recommendations from concerned stakeholders on how the State Government can assist the industries particularly SMEs in overcoming the negative impacts of the MCO and COVID-19. STA attended the meeting together with the representatives from business chambers and other associations.

STA also worked together with its members to put forward the industry's concerns and recommendations in relation to logging, forest plantation, and manufacturing sectors to MINTRED Sarawak on 8 April 2020 and 27 April 2020.

In these trying times, STA will continue to work and coordinate closely with the relevant ministries and agencies to ensure appropriate actions are taken for the industry to remain resilient and emerge stronger.

新冠肺炎 (COVID-19) 病毒的肆虐令世界措手不及，招架不住。马来西亚及其人民也无法幸免，面对着不断扩大的 COVID-19 疫情的影响所带来的压倒性和无法预测的挑战。

我们政府迅速采取行动，从2020年3月18日起颁布了行动管制令 (MCO) 以切断 COVID-19 传播链。这项执法行动限制进入我国和境内的行动。所有非必要的业务和服务都被下令停止运营，人们只能待在家里。这使我国大部分经济陷入停滞状态，许多人民的生计处于危险之中。

COVID-19 telah melanda seluruh dunia dan dunia kelihatan kurang bersedia. Malaysia dan rakyatnya turut tidak terhindar daripada menghadapi cabaran luar biasa dan tidak menentu yang disebabkan oleh kesan wabak COVID-19.

Untuk memutuskan rangkaian penyebaran COVID-19, Kerajaan bertindak pantas dengan melaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (MCO) mulai 18 Mac 2020 bagi mengawal pergerakan di Malaysia. Semua perniagaan dan perkhidmatan yang tidak penting diperintahkan untuk menghentikan operasi dan rakyat dikehendaki berada di rumah. Hal ini secara substansial menjadikan sebahagian besar ekonomi Malaysia terhenti dan mata pencarian kebanyakan rakyat Malaysia berisiko.

Collaborative Efforts to Protect Our Frontliners

In light of the COVID-19 situation, STA joined forces with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) to donate RM2 million worth of medical-graded personal protective equipments (PPEs) to support the surging healthcare needs in the State.

The PPEs, which were ordered from China and arrived at the Kuching Senari Port on 21 April 2020, were received and inspected by the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan. Also present was Tuan Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC; Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong, STA Honorary Secretary; Datuk Amar Abdul Hamed Sepawi, STA Permanent Council Member; and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA.

A small handover ceremony was held the next day on 22 April 2020 to present the donation to Dr Chin Zin Hing, Director of Sarawak State Health Department, witnessed by the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Anak Embas, who is also the Chairman of State Disaster Management Committee.

A Press Release was issued by STA following the handover ceremony.



Deputy Chief Minister (3rd from left) receiving the PPEs at Kuching Senari Port

Berikutan situasi COVID-19, STA bersama dengan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) telah menyumbang peralatan perlindungan diri (PPE) gred klinikal bernilai RM2 juta untuk menyokong keperluan penjagaan kesihatan yang meningkat di Negeri ini.

有鉴于 COVID-19 的情况，本会与砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 联合捐赠了价值200万令吉的医疗级个人防护设备 (PPEs)，以支持砂州急需的医疗保健需求。



Tuan Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC (centre), and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive of Officer of STA (2nd from left), presenting the donation to Dr Chin Zin Hing, Director of Sarawak State Health Department (2nd from right), at the handover ceremony



PRESS STATEMENT (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

STIDC and STA Join Hands in Donating RM2 Million Worth of Personal Protective Equipments to Fight COVID-19

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) has joined hands with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) to help the State battle the COVID-19 pandemic through the donation of personal protective equipments (PPEs) worth RM2 million.

The donation provides medical-graded critical PPEs including KN95 medical protective masks, disposable medical masks, medical goggles, face shields, medical head covers, medical vinyl examination gloves, isolation gowns (non-sterile), protective medical coveralls (sterile) and medical boots covers. Specifically, the PPEs are very much needed by our frontliners such as doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients, especially those who are in intensive care units.

The donation was presented to Dr Chin Zin Hing, Director of Sarawak State Health Department, by Tuan Haji Hashim Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC, as well as Datuk Amar Abdul Hamed Haji Sepawi, Permanent Council member of STA, and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA respectively in a handover ceremony this afternoon at the old Sarawak State Legislative Assembly Building (old DUN), Kuching. The ceremony was witnessed by the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Anak Embas, who is also the Chairman of State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC).

STA is pleased to say that members of STA are in solidarity with the Sarawak Government in fighting COVID-19, where contributions in cash and in-kind have also been provided by its various members including KTS Group, Rimbunan Hijau Group, Samling Group, Shin Yang Group, Solid Timber Group, Ta Ann Group and WTK Group, to name a few.

STA hopes that these contributions from the Sarawak timber industry will support surging healthcare needs and assist to relieve the shortage of PPEs and critical medical equipments, while ensuring that our frontliners, who are working tirelessly around the clock to contain the pandemic, are well-protected.

We are in unknown territories. It is imperative that we, as stakeholders, work together in unity and determination to weather this unprecedented storm. Both STIDC and STA hope that this donation will serve its purpose in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.

STA also urges all industry players and the public to play their part in response to the Sarawak Government's call, and adhere to the precautionary guidelines issued by the Sarawak Health Department including maintaining social distancing as well as having the highest personal hygiene standards.

Let's help defeat COVID-19!

Sarawak Timber Association
22 April 2020

Stakeholder Engagement Session with Forestry Industry: Study of Sarawak Hydro Lakes Management and Development Plan 2030

A Stakeholder Engagement Session with Forestry Industry on the Study of Sarawak Hydro Lakes Management and Development Plan 2030 was held on 12 March 2020 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Session saw participation from STA members with forest timber licences and licences for planted forests within and adjacent to the hydro lakes catchment areas, as well as representatives from the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Sarawak, Ministry of Urban Development & Natural Resources, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Natural Resources and Environment Board, Land and Survey Department, and KTA (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd.

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, welcomed the participants and expressed appreciation towards EPU Sarawak for the willingness to provide briefing on the Study to STA members. She hoped that this Session will improve the understanding of STA members on the Plan by Sarawak Government and bridge any information gap which may arise from the Study.

Ms Lo Sheau Sia, Principal Assistant Director of EPU Sarawak, informed the participants that the Study started at the end of 2018 with the main objective to propose a management and development plan for the long term sustainability of the hydro lakes in Sarawak and their economic activities as well as sustainability of their surrounding areas. The Study covers four (4) hydro lakes including Bakun, Baleh, Batang Ai and Murum, and their river basins. She also urged the participants to provide inputs on best management practices from the industry's perspective to be considered in the Plan.

As the appointed consultant, KTA (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd presented various scopes of the Study including (i) key roles in lake and basin management; (ii) proposed development authority; (iii) the needs for sustainable lake management; (iv) key environmental issues; and (v) proposed land use plans. The Session also discussed and received inputs on the proposed sustainable management and development activities for the 4 lakes and their river basins.

Both STA and EPU Sarawak agreed that effective collaboration among stakeholders is necessary so that proper analysis can be carried out on the Study reflecting actual situation on the ground and taking into consideration inputs and recommendations from the industry.

一项与林业研究2030年砂拉越水湖泊管理与发展计划的利益相关者交流环节于2020年3月12日在本会大厦举行。本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐欢迎参与者以及对砂拉越经济规划部 (EPU) 愿意向本会会员提供有关该研究的简单介绍和讨论表示感谢。她希望该会议可以增进本会会员对砂拉越政府计划的了解, 并弥合研究所可能引起的任何信息鸿沟。

Satu Sesi Penglibatan Pihak Berkepentingan bersama Industri Perhutanan mengenai Kajian Pelan Pengurusan dan Pembangunan Tasik Hidro Sarawak 2030 telah diadakan pada 12 Mac 2020 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, mengalu-alukan para peserta dan menyatakan penghargaan kepada Unit Perancang Ekonomi (EPU) Sarawak di atas kesudian untuk menyampaikan taklimat dan berbincang tentang Kajian tersebut kepada ahli-ahli STA. Beliau berharap Sesi ini dapat meningkatkan pemahaman ahli-ahli STA tentang Pelan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak serta merapatkan sebarang jurang maklumat yang mungkin timbul ekoran daripada Kajian ini.



Participants of the Stakeholder Engagement Session

Electronic Endorsement of K2 Form

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) has informed STA that the STIDC approving officer shall electronically endorse the Export License on the back of the Customs Export Declaration Form (K2) by using the officer's QR Code and electronic STIDC stamp. The K2 Form will no longer be manually endorsed.

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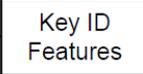
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砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 致函本会，告知 STIDC 批准官员将使用海关人员的二维码扫描 (QR Code) 和 STIDC 电子图章在海关出口报关单 (K2) 背面以电子方式签署出口许可证。K2 表格将不再以手动批准。

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) telah memaklumkan kepada STA bahawa pegawai STIDC akan mengesahkan Lesen Eksport secara elektronik di bahagian belakang Borang Akuat Eksport Kastam (K2) dengan menggunakan Kod QR pegawai tersebut dan cap STIDC elektronik. Borang K2 tidak lagi akan disahkan secara manual.

Deferment of AGM 2020

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and enforcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO) restricting mass gathering, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2020, which was originally scheduled to take place on 30 March 2020, has been deferred until 30 June 2020 or when the situation improves, whichever is earlier.

由于 COVID-19 的爆发以及行动管制令 (MCO) 的实施而限制了群众集会，本会原定于 2020 年 3 月 30 日举行的 2020 年会员常年大会 (AGM) 已推迟至 2020 年 6 月 30 日或待情况有所改善，以较早者为准。

Disebabkan oleh wabak COVID-19 dan penguatkuasaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (MCO) yang mengehadkan perhimpunan besar-besaran, Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan (AGM) 2020, yang pada asalnya dijadualkan berlangsung pada 30 Mac 2020 telah ditunda sehingga 30 Jun 2020 atau apabila keadaan bertambah baik, mengikut mana yang lebih awal.

Forest Management Certification Technical Committee Meeting No 1/2020

The Forest Management Certification Technical Committee Meeting No 1/2020, held on 9 March 2020, was chaired by Datu Hamden Bin Haji Mohammad, Director of Forests, at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. This Meeting was called to discuss the consultancy report on the project “A Gap Assessment on the Harmonised Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) Guidelines in Support of Sustainable Forest Management in the State of Sarawak”. This project is undertaken by the Forest Department Sarawak, with funding from Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations to improve the current Sarawak RIL Guidelines based on international standards.

At the Meeting, the consultant, Mr Bernd Hahn-Schilling from International Forest Management Consultants Sdn Bhd (IFMCSB), presented the findings based on comments received during the Stakeholders Consultation Workshop held on 18 November 2019. After considering feedback from the stakeholders, sixty-three (63) recommendations have been proposed for amendment to the current Sarawak RIL Guidelines.

The Meeting went through the documents and agreed for STA to look into some of the recommendations by IFMCSB. Field tests on certain elements will also be conducted before the Sarawak RIL Guidelines is adopted.

森林局局长拿督翰登莫哈末于2020年3月9日假古晋资源大厦主持召开森林管理认证技术委员会本年度第一次会议。会议的目的是讨论相关“支持砂州可持续森林管理的综合减少伐木影响（RIL）准则的差距评估”项目的咨询报告。

国际森林管理顾问有限公司（IFMCSB）本汉士林先生在会议上发表根据2019年11月18日举行的利益相关者咨询研讨会期间收到的评论所进行的调查结果。

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Persijilan Pengurusan Hutan Bil. 1/2020 telah diadakan pada 9 Mac 2020 dan dipengerusikan oleh Datu Hamden Bin Haji Mohammad, Pengarah Hutan di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Mesyuarat diadakan untuk membincangkan laporan perundingan mengenai projek “Penilaian Jurang bagi Garis Panduan Pembalakan Kurang Impak (RIL) yang Harmonis dalam Menyokong Pengurusan Hutan Lestari di Negeri Sarawak”.

Dalam Mesyuarat tersebut, Encik Bernd Hahn-Schilling, perunding daripada Perundingan Pengurusan Hutan Antarabangsa Sdn Bhd (IFMCSB) membentangkan penemuan berdasarkan komen yang diterima semasa Bengkel Perundingan Pihak Berkepentingan yang diadakan pada 18 November 2019.