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STATEMENT ON WILMAR INTERNATIONAL'S MEMBERSHIP RESIGNATION

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - From 02 April 2020, we regret to inform our stakeholders that Wilmar International Ltd is no longer a member of the High Carbon Stock Approach Steering Group. We thank Wilmar for their contribution to date. We encourage Wilmar to re-apply for membership and to continue implementing the HCSA across their supply chains. HCSA is a multi-stakeholder platform and all members are required to comply with the HCSA membership requirements including the Eligibility Requirement and Code of Conduct for members.

About HCSA:

The High Carbon Stock (HCS) Approach is an initiative that has developed a methodology that distinguishes forest areas for conservation from degraded lands with low carbon and biodiversity values that may be developed. The methodology was developed with the aim to ensure a practical, transparent, robust, and scientifically credible approach that is widely accepted to implement commitments to halt deforestation in the tropics, while ensuring the rights and livelihoods of local peoples are respected.

The HCSA SG is the governance body for the HCSA methodology. The HCSA SG has a diverse membership of non-governmental organisations, plantation companies, commodity users, technical support organisations and smallholder/farmer support organisations working through robust multi-stakeholder governance processes. HCSA Secretariat regularly consults with, and communicates to, its Steering Group and Executive Committee members and follows a consensus making process.

For more information on HCSA, please visit to our website: www.highcarbonstock.org

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