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Palm Oil Industry Produces Million Watts of Renewable Energy

27th August 2016 – Asian Agri is expanding its renewable energy program to provide enough electricity to power more than 28,000 houses.

A by-product of manufacturing Crude Palm Oil and other products, Palm Oil Mill Effluent can be used as a source of renewable energy.

Asian Agri's existing biogas plants in Riau, Jambi, and Sumatera Utara each produce around 2MW of electricity. About 700 kilowatts are used to power the mills, while the remainder can be used for other purposes.

By 2020 Asian Agri plans to build 20 biogas plants, enough to power more than 28,000 homes.

This program supports the government's aim to reduce dependency on imported fuel, and also provides a sustainable power source, reducing emissions that can lead to climate change.

If all 8.4 million Ha of oil palm plantations in Indonesia follow suit, the Indonesian energy market could be radically transformed.

About Asian Agri:

Asian Agri is one of the leading private companies in Indonesia producing crude palm oil (CPO) since 1979 and employs around 25,000 people today. Since 1987, Asian Agri has been a pioneer of the Indonesian government's Trans-National Government Migration (PIR-Trans) program. Today, the company manages 100,000 Ha of land and partners 29,000 smallholder families in Riau and Jambi who operate 60,000 Ha of palm oil plantation.

Asian Agri's success in becoming one of the leading CPO companies has been acknowledged internationally with the ISO 14001 certification for all of its operations. Its Learning Institute in Pelalawan, Riau, as well as its nursery research center in Kampar, Riau are ISO 9001 certified. In addition, Asian Agri's R&D Center in Tebing Tinggi has also obtained certification by the International Plant-Analytical Exchange at the WEPAL lab at Wageningen University in The Netherlands, for its high standards.

More than 85% of both owned plantations in North Sumatra, Riau & Jambi provinces & scheme smallholder plantations in Riau & Jambi provinces have been RSPO certified.

All plantations have also been ISCC-certified (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification), including plantation owned by smallholders.

Out of 20 mills, 14 have received certification from ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) where as the remaining mills have gone through stringent ISPO audit process. It is targeted to have both RSPO & ISPO certification completed by 2016.

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