



## Press Release

### **North Sumatra Independent Smallholders Receive Replanting Funds**

#### *Government's commitment to improve Oil Palm Smallholder's prosperity*

**Jakarta, 27 November 2017** – Indonesian President Joko Widodo met with smallholders partnered with Asian Agri at a ceremony to hand over funds for replanting of their oil palms. Members of Smallholder Association (KUD) Anugerah Jaya Mandiri Sejahtera met the President; RI Darmin Nasution, Coordinating Minister of the Economy; RI Amran Sulaiman, Minister of Agriculture; and other government representatives at Serdang Begadai Regency in North Sumatra. The funds will be used by the smallholders to replant 157 hectares of oil palm, which have reached the end of their productive life, in Perlabian Village, Kampung Rakyat District, North Labuan Batu Regency.

Bernard A Riedo, Head of Sustainability and Stakeholder Relations at Asian Agri, who attended the ceremony, extend his appreciation to the government and Bank BRI for their support to KUD Anugerah Jaya Mandiri Sejahtera during the process. “We hope that our independent smallholder partners are able to follow the achievements of our Plasma smallholders by achieving high productivity and increasing their prosperity,” said Bernard.

“We also hope that the support of the government and banking sector to all oil palm smallholders in Indonesia can continue to make palm oil one of the nation’s strategic commodities.”



Photo Information (left-right):

Head of Sustainability and Stakeholder Relations Asian Agri, Bernard A. Riedo, Corporate Affairs Director, Fadhil Hasan, Head of KUD Anugerah Jaya Mandiri Sejahtera, Akhmad Rizaldi Syah, Deputy Head of Partnership, Rafmen, and Banking Relations, Patrick G. Susanto, at the event Program Peremajaan Sawit Rakyat.

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#### **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 86% 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. Palm oil mills and plantation in Buatun, Ukui, Soga, Tungkul Ulu, and Muara Bulian have been ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) certified.*

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