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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter 'Opportunity to comment ahead of new Greenpeace [Southeast Asia] publication', dated 28 September 2020.

With regard to burned areas identified in your oil palm concessions analysis, we would like to provide the following clarifications as they relate to concessions licensed to Asian Agri and one of our suppliers:

- PT Inti Indosawit Subur and PT Rigunas Agri Utama. There was no fire incident between 2015 to 2019.
- PT Mitra Unggul Pusaka. There was a fire incident in 2019 which occurred in a non-planted area illegally occupied by communities. Following investigations by government agencies, we have taken various actions including regular monitoring and enhancing fire prevention capabilities in the area.
- PT Pusaka Megah Bumi Nusantara. The company, which supplies to PT Inti Indosawit Subur, confirmed that a fire incident occurred in 2015 in a non-planted area illegally occupied by communities. Following the incident, the company started engaging villages around the area on fire prevention. No fires have occurred since.

Fires are a serious threat to human lives and our plantations. Asian Agri has a strict no-burn policy since 1994. We support the Fire Prevention and Suppression Agency in every district of our operations, alongside the police, military, the Regional Agency for Disaster Countermeasure, Head of sub-districts, and village heads. We conduct joint training to build fire prevention and mitigation capabilities. We have also conducted a [workshop](#) to raise fire management capabilities in collaboration with the Environment and Forestry Training Centre in Pekanbaru, and [engaged students](#) to raise their awareness.

Our emergency response teams deployed in our operational areas are certified, trained, and adequately equipped. They work with villagers to regularly monitor hotspots and perform fire patrols. We ground-truth and verify hotspots based on GPS locations. Further, we notify the local authorities of any fires or hotspots in our oil palm concessions and submit to them fire and hotspot status reports on a bi-annual basis. Asian Agri has been actively [monitoring](#) and participating in fire prevention and suppression efforts in Riau and Jambi.

Asian Agri is a founding member of the multi-stakeholder Fire-Free Alliance which, through the implementation of the Fire-Free Village Programme (FFVP), empowers and incentivises participating villages to adopt no-burn approaches to managing their land. As part of our 2020/2021 FFVP, we have signed [MOUs](#) and continued our partnership with 16 villages.

Our supply chain map may be found on our website: <https://www.asianagri.com/en/supply-chain-map>. In adherence to decree number HT.01/1379/IX/2020 of the Indonesian Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning/National Land Agency, we are not able to share concession maps and related information with external parties.

Kind regards,

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