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Negeri Sembilan FMU First To Be Certified Against MC&I(2002)

Negeri Sembilan FMU is the first FMU to be awarded with the *Certificate for Forest Management* against the requirements of the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I(2002)]*.

The award of the *Certificate for Forest Management* to the Negeri Sembilan FMU was based on the outcome of an assessment against the requirements of the MC&I (2002) conducted by an independent assessor, i.e. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. on 9-13 April 2007. The draft assessment report prepared by SIRIM QAS has been subjected to comment by the Client as well as a review process by two Peer Reviewers before the decision to award the certificate was made.

A total of six Minor Corrective Action Requests (CARs) were raised as a result of the assessment. Since there was no Major CAR, SIRIM QAS has recommended that the Negeri Sembilan FMU be eligible for the award of a new *Certificate for Forest Management* against the requirements of the MC&I(2002) which will supersede the earlier Certificate issued to the FMU against the requirements of the MC&I(2001).

Further information and the public summary of the Assessment Report can be obtained from MTCC's website.

Three New Timber Companies Certified under MTCC Scheme

Three timber companies have been awarded the MTCC Certificate for Chain-of-Custody (CoC). The decision to award the certificate was made at the Thirty-Third Certification Committee Meeting held on 30 August 2007.

Ah Hai Industries Sdn. Bhd. (COC 105) and Blue Star Sawmill Sdn. Bhd. (COC107) are timber products manufacturer which are based in Batu Pahat, Johor and Karak, Pahang respectively. The scope of certification for Ah Hai Industries Sdn. Bhd. is for sawn timber, solid wood moulding, finger-jointed, laminated wood, door and window frame and interior wood profile. For Blue Star Sawmill Sdn. Bhd., the scope of certification is for sawn timber and solid wood moulding.

The third company, Fast Orient Sdn. Bhd. (COC106) is a timber product exporter based in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The company's scope of certification is for sawn timber and solid wood moulding.

Hence, at 31 August 2007, a total 107 timber companies have been awarded the MTCC Certificate for Chain-of-Custody.

To obtain the full list of holders of MTCC Certificate for Chain-of-Custody as well as their contact details, please visit the MTCC's website.

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Briefing Sessions in Sarawak



Picture 1

A briefing session on the implementation of the MTCC scheme was held on 2 August 2007 in Kuching for officials of relevant government agencies in Sarawak (picture 1). The briefing session was attended by a total of 27 officials representing 20 different government agencies in Sarawak.



Picture 2



Picture 3

On 20 September 2007, a briefing on the MC&I(2002) was conducted for the holders of Forest Management Units (FMUs) in Sarawak (picture 2). The briefing session, which was coordinated by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), was attended by a total of 82 participants. On 21 September, a briefing session was conducted on the *Requirements for Chain-of-Custody Certification* for members of the Sarawak Timber Association (STA) (picture 3). The briefing session was attended by a total of 55 participants.

By Product (June 2007)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Plywood	4,327.99
Sawn timber	963.18
Solid wood moulding	57.69
Finger-jointed timber	36.94
Dressed timber	16.31
Total	5402.11

By Destination (June 2007)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
United Kingdom	4,313.91
The Netherlands	659.83
Denmark	168.96
Belgium	168.50
Germany	90.91
Total	5402.11

By Product (in July 2007)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Plywood	3,973.70
Sawn timber	1,540.32
Moulding	351.94
Total	5,865.96

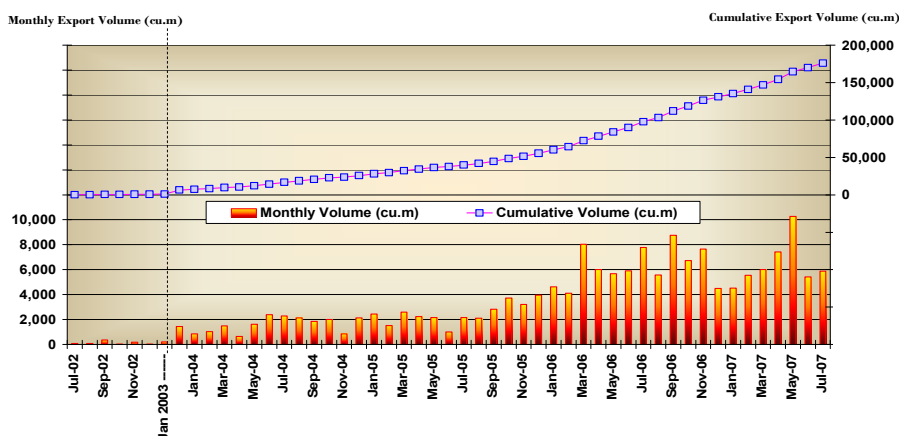
By Destination (July 2007)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
United Kingdom	4,093.51
The Netherlands	1,347.26
Denmark	298.63
Germany	112.88
Australia	13.68
Total	5,865.96

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber Products

Monthly & Cumulative Exports

Source : MTIB / MTCC



Volume exported in June 2007: 5402.11 cu.m

Volume exported in July 2007: 5,865.96 cu.m

Cumulative volume exported since July 2002: 175,939.82 cu.m

Holders of Certificate for Forest Management: 9 Forest Management Units (8 Certificates valid)

Holders of Certificate for Chain-of-Custody: 107 Timber Companies (100 Certificates valid)

Further details on the validity, area and map of the Forest Management Units and contact information on MTCC certificate holders can be obtained at: www.mtcc.com.my