

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF THIRD SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF PERAK FMU
FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION**

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Result of Surveillance Visit

The scope of the surveillance visit focused mainly on the verification of the corrective actions taken by the Perak State Forestry Department in addressing the outstanding Minor Corrective Action Request (CAR). In addition, the surveillance visit also assessed the overall forest management practices within the Permanent Forest Estate (PFE), including conducting random visits to Forest Checking Station(s) to ensure that these practices are conducted in compliance with the requirements of the *MC&I*(2001). However, for Perak FMU, there was no outstanding CARs at the time of the Third Surveillance Visit.

As a result of the Third Surveillance Visit, three new Minor CARs were raised i.e. Minor CAR PER-15 relating to the preparation of Forest Management Plan, Minor CAR PER-016 relating to lapses in compliance to the “Guidelines of Reduced Impact Logging in Peninsular Malaysia,

2003” and Minor CAR PER-017 relating to consultation with local communities prior to harvesting operations.

As no Major CAR was raised during the surveillance visit, SIRIM QAS has recommended that the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Perak FMU be maintained. However, the Perak FMU is required to take the necessary corrective actions to address the three new Minor CARs raised before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the CARs is as shown in **Table 1**.

Note: For general information on the FMU and the assessment process under the MTCC scheme, please refer to the “Public Summary of Assessment of Perak FMU for Forest Management Certification”.

Table 1: Summary of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) and Closed-out Details

CAR No.	Criterion	Indicator	Status of CAR	Nature of CAR	Close-Out Details
PER-015	3 Flow of Forest Produce	3.3: Existence and implementation of: (a) forest management plans, and (b) forest harvesting (operational) plans	Minor (New)	The new Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the period 2006-2015 is still in its draft form. A Minor CAR was raised to ensure progress and completion of the management plan by the next surveillance visit.	New Minor CAR raised during the Third Surveillance Visit.
PER-016	5: Soil and Water	5.6: Availability and implementation of harvesting procedures for the protection of the soil from compaction by harvesting machinery and to protect the soil from erosion during harvesting operations.	Minor (New)	Lapses in compliance to the “Guidelines of Reduced Impact Logging in Peninsular Malaysia 2003” resulted in excessive grading of roads in sites with steeper terrain during road construction and maintenance.	New Minor CAR raised during the Third Surveillance Visit.
PER-017	6: Economic, Social And Cultural Aspects	6.8: Extent to which forest planning and management practices and processes consider and recognize legal or customary rights with respect to indigenous people and local communities, forest dwellers and other forest dependent communities.	Minor (New)	Not all local communities were consulted on sites of ecological or religious significance prior to harvesting operations.	New Minor CAR raised during the Third Surveillance Visit.