

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT OF ANAP-MUPUT FMU  
FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION AGAINST THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
MC&I(2002)**

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**Date of Assessment**

Assessment: 23-27 July 2007  
Verification Visit: 18-20 November 2007

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

To qualify for the award of the *Certificate for Forest Management* under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) operated by MTCC, a forest management unit (FMU) must comply with the requirements of the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification* [or in short *MC&I(2002)*] based on an assessment conducted by an independent assessor accredited with the Department of Standards Malaysia, the national accreditation body (AB).

This Public Summary contains general information on the FMU, the assessment process involved, information on the Corrective Action Requests (CARs) raised during the assessment, as well as the decision on certification under the MTCS. Maintenance of the *Certificate* will be dependent upon the ability of the FMU to continue comply with the requirements of the *MC&I(2002)* to be verified through surveillance visits to be conducted annually.

## **2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **2.1 Name of the Forest Management Unit (FMU)**

Anap-Muput FMU

### **2.2 Manager of the FMU (Client)**

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### **2.4. Size of the FMU**

106,820 ha

### **2.5 Forest Resource**

The Anap-Muput FMU which is located in the Bintulu Division, Sarawak covers a total area of 106,820 ha. The FMU is being managed under Timber Licence No. T/4317 and comprises 98,795 ha of Protected Forest consisting mainly of Anap Protection Forest and Mukah Hills Protected Forest. The remaining 8,020 ha are presently State Land which have

been proposed to be gazetted as Protected Forests. Of the total area, some 93,867 ha or 87% are covered with Mixed Dipterocarp Hill Forest, 4,364 ha designated as Conservation Forest while the remaining 8,589 ha have been subjected to shifting agriculture (SA) by the local indigenous communities.

### 3. ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND CERTIFICATION DECISION

The assessment of the Anap-Muput FMU for forest management certification against the requirements of the *MC&I(2002)* was conducted on 23-27 July 2007 by an assessment team comprising of three auditors from SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. ("SIRIM QAS"). The scope of the assessment was confined to the overall forest management system and practices within the Anap-Muput FMU.

Based on the assessment, the auditors had identified several aspects of the forest management practices which were deemed not in compliance with the *MC&I(2002)*, resulting in the issuance of three (3) Majors and six (6) Minor Corrective Action Requests (CARs).

Following the issuance of three Major CARs, the FMU management undertook corrective actions to address these major non-compliances. The Verification Visit of the corrective measures taken was conducted by the Lead Auditor from SIRIM QAS on 18-20 November 2007.

As a result of the Verification Visit, the Lead Auditor was satisfied with the corrective measures taken and hence decided to close-out the three Major CARs raised. With the Major CARs close-out, SIRIM QAS has recommended that the Anap-Muput FMU be eligible for the award of the *Certificate for Forest Management* against the requirements of the *MC&I(2002)*.

The draft *Report on Assessment of Anap-Muput Forest Management Unit for Forest Management Certification* prepared by SIRIM QAS was subjected to Client's comment as well as a review process by two Peer Reviewers. The assessor took into consideration the comments made by the Client and the Peer Reviewers in finalizing the assessment report. The assessor has maintained all the six Minor CARs raised to the FMU.

The *Report on Assessment of Anap-Muput Forest Management Unit for Forest Management Certification* [Ref: MF 6006 (2/07) dated 10 December 2007] prepared by SIRIM QAS incorporating the comments of the Client and two Peer Reviewers, were tabled for the consideration and decision of MTCC's Certification Committee during its Forty-Fifth Meeting on 19 February 2008. The Certification Committee concurred with the recommendation made by SIRIM QAS and agreed to award the *Certificate for Forest Management* to the Anap-Muput FMU against the requirements of *MC&I(2002)*.

The Committee also agreed that the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Anap-Muput FMU will be valid for five years with surveillance visits carried out every twelve months to ensure continued compliance to the requirements of the *MC&I(2002)*.

A summary of the CARs raised and their closed-out details is as shown in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Summary of Corrective Action Requests (CARs)**

<b>CAR No.</b>	<b>Principle</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Status of CAR</b>	<b>Nature of CAR</b>	<b>Close-Out Details</b>
AM-01	1: Compliance with Laws and FSC Principles	1.1.3: Record of violations and actions taken to address them.	<b>Major</b>	There were non-compliances with the Labour Ordinance, specifically C. 11 (Guaranteed week), C.104 (prescribed holidays) and The Labour (Public Holidays) (Amendment), as well as with C.119 (Employment of immigrant workers).	<p>The FMU has established guaranteed weekend breaks, gazetted public holidays and annual leaves for all employees in accordance with the requirements of the Labour Ordinance on 1 August 2007. The service of non-approved immigrant workers in the FMU had been terminated and the management had applied and received approval from the Department of Labour for recruitment of 20 Indonesian workers. As specified under the Forest Ordinance all the workers are now covered with insurance.</p> <p><b>Major CAR AM-01 was closed-out on 20 November 2007.</b></p>
AM-02	1: Compliance with Laws and FSC Principles	1.5.2: Control of encroachment, illegal harvesting, hunting, and settlement, and other unauthorised activities in managed areas of the PRFs for Peninsular Malaysia and forest management areas for Sabah and Sarawak by forest managers, and forested areas outside the PRFs for Peninsular Malaysia by other regulatory agencies.	<b>Major</b>	There were two reported incidences of encroachment by illegal loggers into the FMU and intrusion by illegal farming was also observed in Coupe 25.	<p>The FMU had established a clear boundary together with the neighbouring concessions with the erection of a clear signage on 10 October 2007. Maintenance and repainting of boundary will be completed by the end of November. Consultative meetings were held with the longhouses of Gerina, Mawang and Bilong in November 2007 when the villagers were briefed on the area of the FMU, RIL and the need of their support for not establishing new shifting cultivation area in the high forest. At each long house, a signed acknowledgement and agreement of the FMU practice of SFM and prevention of encroachment was displayed. A meeting conducted with the</p>

					<p>headmen of Rumah Enteri, Bilong, Sayong and Mayang, together with the villagers of Bilong showed that there was general consensus and support of the terms established with the FMU.</p> <p><b>Major CAR AM-02 was closed-out on 20 November 2007.</b></p>
AM-03	5: Benefit from the forest	5.3.1: Availability and implementation of guidelines for reduced/low impact logging to minimize damage to residual stand.	Minor	An extensive gap was created with the felling of trees in a steep site in Block 60 of Coupe 8 with all residual trees damaged.	<b>Minor CAR AM-03 remained outstanding.</b>
AM-04	5: Benefit from the forest	5.3.2: Application of log extraction operations that minimize product wastage, degrade and foregone revenue opportunities.	Minor	Logs (with hollow centres) were left behind in Block 60 of Coupe 8 along skid trail FT-0-0-4.	<b>Minor CAR AM-04 remained outstanding.</b>
KEL-05	6: Environmental Impact	6.1.2: Assessment of environmental impacts are carried out, including the potential impacts on endangered, rare and threatened species of flora and fauna, and the need for biological corridors in the PRFs for Peninsular Malaysia and forest management areas for Sabah and Sarawak, appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management.	Minor	There was no documentation on the impacts of harvesting on endangered, rare and threatened species of flora and fauna both within the FMU and the landscape level.	<b>Minor CAR AM-05 remained outstanding.</b>

KEL-06	6: Environmental Impact	6.5.1: Availability and implementation of harvesting procedures to protect the soil from compaction by harvesting machinery and erosion during harvesting operations.	<b>Major</b>	Deep blading was observed in skid trails in Coupe 8, which was not in accordance with the specifications of RIL.	Inspection of 13 skid trails in Blocks 30, 32 and 33 of Coupe 8 indicated overall improvement in the construction of these skid trails. Reduced blading was maintained along gentle terrain and specific instructions on avoiding blading (in a form of a sticker) were affixed to each bulldozer. Training sessions were also conducted to further enhance the skill of the bulldozer drivers and tree fellers.  <b>Major CAR AM-06 was closed-out on 20 November 2007.</b>
AM-07	6: Environmental Impact	6.7.2: Containers, liquid and solid non-organic wastes including fuel and oil should be disposed of in an environmentally appropriate and legal manner.	Minor	Fuel tanks used in the field, generator sets in the base camp and nursery did not have any containment to prevent leakage and seepage of oil into the soil.	<b>Minor CAR AM-07 remained outstanding.</b>
AM-08	9: Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF)	9.1.1: Forest managers should conduct an assessment of HCVFs in accordance with relevant national and regional legal and regulatory frameworks, appropriate to scale and intensity of forest management operations in the PRFs for Peninsular Malaysia and forest management areas for Sabah and Sarawak, and in	Minor	Attributes for HCVF are not clearly identified in the establishment of the HCVF sites.	<b>Minor CAR AM-08 remained outstanding.</b>

		consultation with relevant stakeholders and experts.			
AM-09	9: Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests	9.4.1: Forest managers should conduct, appropriate to scale and intensity of forest management operations, annual monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the measures in the management of the HCVFs in the PRFs for Peninsular Malaysia and forest management areas for Sabah and Sarawak.	Minor	There were no developed monitoring procedures and annual monitoring plan for HCVF	<b>Minor CAR AM-09 remained outstanding.</b>