



## NEWS RELEASE

### Gama Plantations' Clarification on Media Coverage on the Recent Fires in Kubu Raya – West Kalimantan

Jakarta, 12 September 2018

Various Indonesian media have recently reported on the outbreak of fires in Kubu Raya district, West Kalimantan. In particular, five plantation companies were named in relation to a law enforcement intervention by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK). This included PT Sumatera Unggul Makmur (PT SUM), PT Putra Lirik Domas (PT PLD) and PT Agro Alam Nusantara (PT AAN), three companies that are part of GAMA Plantations, an emerging company group that unites 27 plantation companies under a single group sustainability policy.

With regard to these fires, Gama Plantations would like to clarify the following:

All companies associated with our Group are firmly committed to Zero Burning in all land development activity and plantation management operations. We have no interest in fires which endangers the health of our staff and negatively affects the productivity of our plantations. We conduct regular fire prevention and fighting trainings and awareness raising programs for our staff and local communities, and we cooperate with local government, including Police and Army in the event of fire outbreak.

Fire prevention is part of our day-to-day plantation management during the dry season. We conduct Fire Danger Rating and compile Hot Spot Monitoring Reports using data from NOAA 19 ASMC, TERRA/AQUA, LPN-MODIS, and LPN-NPP (LAPAN). We have a well-established system in place to counter fire outbreak, and we run fire prevention programs involving the local community, including trainings, refresher programs, and simulation exercises on firefighting.





Even with our awareness and training programs, fires occasionally occur in and nearby our planted areas, especially during the dry season. Such fires typically occur on land owned by local community. In any of such situation, we request the local community member to put out the fires and we offer our assistance. Every fire incident in the vicinity of our planted area is reported to the relevant government authority (local police).

We are aware that outgrowers may clear land by use of fire prior to offering usufruct right to companies or that they may plant oil palms in burnt land with the intention to sell Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) to our mills in future. To discourage this practice, as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Gama Plantations will be enforcing a policy to not acquire (through crop and land compensation, or GRTT) land or to source FFB from oil palms planted on land that burnt after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

Regarding to fire outbreak incidents in and near our plantation areas in Kubu Raya in July and August 2018:

We deployed a total of 279 of staff with 9 unit main pump, 2 unit Shibaura pump, 8 unit Emdek Honda pump, 10 unit auxiliary pump, 5 unit excavator, 5 unit farm tractor and others supporting equipment to put out 7 (seven) different fires in lands surrounding our planted area in PT Sumatera Unggul Makmur (SUM), PT Putra Lirik Domas (PLD) and PT Agro Alam Nusantara (AAN). The lands burnt are not under the companies' management control. In fact, PT SUM was able to plant only 13% of the land within its allocated IUP (Izin Usaha Perkebunan – Cultivation Permit) area, whilst PT PLD secured 37%. PT AAN has access to only 30% of the land within the allocated area. The rest of the land remains controlled by local community and other third parties for they withheld their Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) to acquisition of land and usufruct rights, based on legal, communal or customary rights. PT SUM stop acquire / compensate land from local community since 2016, PT PLD since 2017, and PT AAN last land compensation is in 2012. Land clearing activities on these 3 companies stopped since 2017 for PT PLD, 2015 for PT SUM, and 2015 for PT AAN. These 3 companies have requested revisions of their IUP boundaries whilst requests for Land Deed Title (HGU) for the planted areas are pending.

GAMA Plantations would like to express its appreciation and gratitude to the Minister of Environment and Forestry Ministry (KLHK) for its law enforcement interventions in the affected areas. Fire incidents do not occur in our planted area, and during the visit, KLHK had sealed the burnt area in the land belong to local community and so far our plantation operations were not impacted. We are collaborating fully with Police to investigate the cause of fire and responsible person.

For further inquiries:

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**FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS ON THE RECENT FIRE INCIDENTS IN KUBU RAYA**

**PT Sumatera Unggul Makmur (SUM)**

At 06.30 AM, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018, fire was detected on land belonging to Polo from local community (coordinate Lat -0.1962 Long 1093081 and Lat -0.1986 Long 109309). Estimated burnt area: ~5 Ha. The fire incident was duly reported to the relevant authorities.

**BERITA ACARA KEBAKARAN LAHAN**

1. Hari & Tanggal pembuatan laporan (gri/ri/riw) : Berita 23/08/2018  
 2. Hari / Jam mulai kebakaran (riw) : 23/08/2018 (06:30 WIB)  
 3. Lokasi :  kebun riw  
 Lahan masyarakat dalam (in) Perusahaan  
 Lahan masyarakat di luar (in) Perusahaan

4. Toka Koordinat : Lat -0.1982 long 1093081 dan Lat -0.1986 long 109309  
 5. Hari / Tanggal / Jam selesai pemadaman (riw) : Berita 23 Jul 2018 / 04:17 (M) WIB  
 6. Luas area yang terbakar : 2,9 Ha  
 7. Jumlah petugas Perusahaan yang melakukan / membantu pemadaman : 15 Orang  
 8. Instansi yang ikut membantu pemadaman : 1. Kodim Pontianak : 25 Orang  
 2. Polres Pontianak : 15 Orang  
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 9. Total Biaya (gasper, bahan bakar, makan, dll) - Lengkapi nomor biayanya : Rp 20.000.000  
 10. Lembar dokumentasi Berita Acara ini : 1. Foto  
 2. Video  
 3. Peta lokasi

**DELAPORKAN OLEH**

Danru Pemadam Perusahaan, Asisten Abdiing, Asisten Kepala, Estate Manager, Group Estate Manager

Qor'ani, Arman, Pradil Suryadi, Sri Samudro

**DIKETAHUI OLEH**

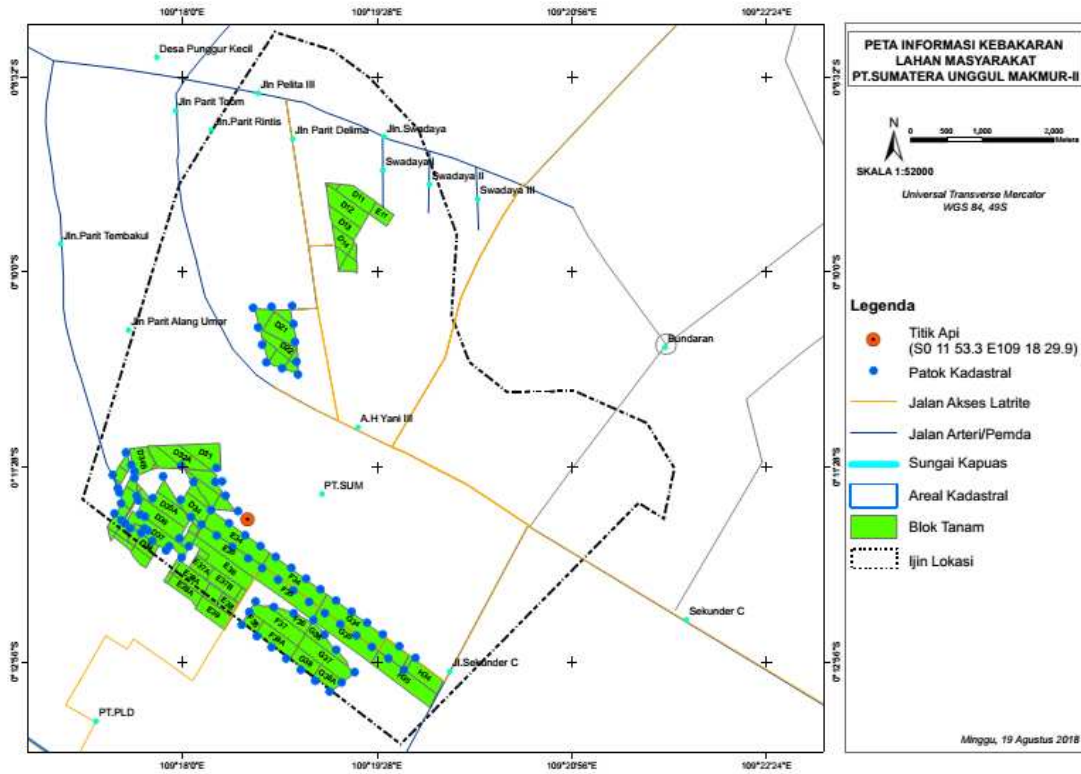
Kades Pemadam Tujuh, Kapolres Basah Jaya, Danrupal, Ipta-Awin, Iptu-Abdul Gapar

In total 55 personnel from PT SUM's firefighting team together with staff from the Police and armed forces were mobilized to put out the fire. The initial fire was extinguished at around 17.00 PM. The firefighting team continued to spray the land until July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 to ensure the fire was completely doused.



PT SUM firefighting team at work on 23 August 2018 at coordinates SO 11 53.3 E109 18 29.9

The initial fire commenced on land, directly adjacent to PT SUM's planted area demarcated by cadastral boundary:



Land fire adjacent to PT SUM's planted area, date: 24 July 2018 - Source: Imagery (c) 2018 Planet Labs Inc.

PT SUM halted acquisition of usufruct rights since 2016 when it could not obtain Free, Prior and Informed Consent from the land owners. PT SUM has no intention to acquire or plant the burnt land, or to source FFB from this land should it be planted with oil palm.



**PT Putra Lirik Domas (PLD)**

On August 13<sup>rd</sup> 2018, 8.00 AM, a fire (coordinates SO 13 08.9 E 109 18 03.8 and LSO 14 21.2 E 109 19 16.1) was detected on land belonging to Pendi and Samsiar (local community members). Estimated burnt area: around 200 hectares. 145 personnel from the company firefighting team together Police and Army were mobilized to put out the fire. The site continued to be sprayed until August 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, to ensure the fire was completely put out.

Then, on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, another fire was detected at 06.30 AM in land (coordinate X309908 Y 9976675 SO 12 39.4 E 109 17 31.0; X 309407 Y 9975421 SO 13 20.2 E 109 17 14.8; X 309355 Y 9974931 SO 13 36.1 E 109 17 13.1; and X 309054 Y 9974824 SO 13 39.6 E 109 17 03.3) belonging to Petrus and others (local community). Estimated burnt area: around 48 hectares. 33 personnel from company firefighting team together Police and Army were mobilized to put out the fire until August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 to ensure the fire was completely doused.

During the firefighting operations, on 18 August 2018, the Chief of Police and Army Chief of West Kalimantan Province accompanied by the Provincial KLKH team came to the burnt area for inspection and gave moral support to the firefighting teams.





All fire incidents were duly reported to the relevant government authorities (see samples below):

**BERITA ACARA KEBAKARAN LAHAN**

1 Hari & Tanggal pembuatan laporan (gg / bb / ww) : Kamis 16 Agustus 2018  
 2 Hari / Jam mulai kebakaran (gg/mm) : Senin / 13 Agustus 2018 08.00 Wib  
 3 Lokasi :  Kebun Inti  
 Lahan masyarakat dalam (in) Perusahaan  
 Lahan masyarakat di luar (in) Perusahaan

4 Titik Koordinat : S0 13 08.9 E109 18 03.8 & S0 14 21.2 E109 19 16.1  
 5 Hari / Tanggal / Jam selesai pemadaman (gg/mm) : Jumat 24 Agustus 2018  
 6 Luas area yang terbakar : ± 200 Ha  
 7 Jumlah petugas Perusahaan yang melakukan / membantu pemadaman : 30 Orang  
 8 Instansi yang ikut membantu pemadaman : 1. Kodim Pontianak 30 Orang  
 2. Polsek Rasau 15 Orang  
 3. Polresta Pontianak 25 Orang  
 4. Set Snabara Polda Kaltar 15 Orang  
 5. Brimob Polda Kaltar 15 Orang  
 6. Kodam 12 Tanjung Pura 15 Orang  
 9 Total biaya (upah petugas, bahan bakar, makan, dll) – Lampirkan nota biayanya : → Rp 100.000.000  
 10 Lengkapi dokumentasi Berita Acara ini : 1. Foto  
 2. Video  
 3. Peta lokasi

**DILAPORKAN OLEH**

Danru Pemadam Perusahaan	Asisten Afd I	Asisten Afd II	Estate Manager	Group Estate Manager
Qur'ani	Muji	Y.Hadi	Preddi Suryadi	Sri Sampurno

**DIKETAHUI OLEH,**

Kades Pematang Tujuh	Kades Kecamatan Jaya Umum	Kades Bintang Mas
Surjana	Sur'Ami	Sulastiso
Kapolsek Rasau Jaya	Dapramil	Kap. Abdul Gapur
KEPALA IRTS ASRI Mahawan, SH, MH		

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**BERITA ACARA KEBAKARAN LAHAN**

1 Hari & Tanggal pembuatan laporan (gg / bb / ww) : Sabtu 25 Agustus 2018  
 2 Hari / Jam mulai kebakaran (gg/mm) : Sabtu 25.08.18 Agustus 2018  
 3 Lokasi :  Kebun Inti  
 Lahan masyarakat dalam (in) Perusahaan  
 Lahan masyarakat di luar (in) Perusahaan

4 Titik Koordinat : X 309958 Y 9676875 S0 12 38.4 E109 17 21.0  
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 (Pr), X 309353 Y 9674931 S0 13 36.1 E109 17 13.1  
 (H), X 309254 Y 9674824 S0 13 38.9 E109 17 03.3  
 (Aca))  
 5 Hari / Tanggal / Jam selesai pemadaman (gg/mm) : Senin 21 Agustus 2018 / Jam 19.35 wib  
 6 Luas area yang terbakar : ± 40 Ha  
 7 Jumlah petugas Perusahaan yang melakukan / membantu pemadaman : 30 Orang  
 8 Instansi yang ikut membantu pemadaman : 1. Polsek 3 Orang  
 2. → Rp 75.000.000  
 9 Total biaya (upah petugas, bahan bakar, makan, dll) – Lampirkan nota biayanya :  
 10 Lengkapi dokumentasi Berita Acara ini : 1. Foto  
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**DILAPORKAN OLEH**

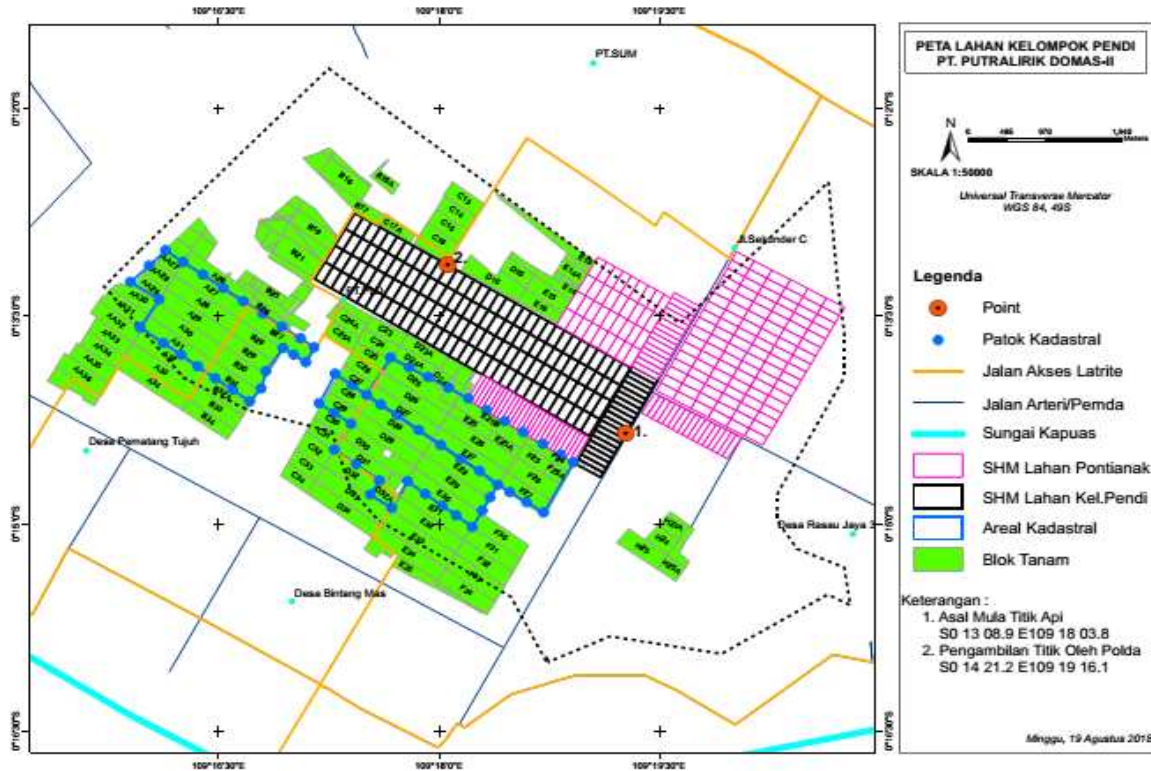
Danru Pemadam Perusahaan	Asisten AM I PLD	Estate Manager	Group Estate Manager
Qur'ani	Muji	Preddi Suryadi	Sri Sampurno

**DIKETAHUI OLEH,**

Kades Pematang Tujuh	Kades Kecamatan Rasau Jaya	Kades Bintang Mas
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Field verification with support by Aidenvironment showed the burnt area is not in PLD planted area as defined by the cadastral boundary and planted area.



Land fire adjacent to PT PLD's planted area, date: 13 August 2018 - Source: Imagery (c) 2018 Planet Labs Inc.

PT PLD already stopped to acquire land since 2017 when it could not secure Free, Prior and Informed Consent from land owners in the community. PT PLD has no intention to acquire or plant the burnt land, or to source FFB from this land should it be planted with oil palm.



The village head of Pematang Tujuh issued a written statement that the area burnt is not under company control, but belongs to Pendi and Samsiar who hold the Freehold Land Title certificate (*Surat Hak Milik*).



**SURAT KETERANGAN**  
Nomor : 661/86/PEM/2018

**SURAT KETERANGAN**  
Nomor : 005/657/Kepra.2018

Yang bertanda tangan di bawah ini Kepala Desa Pematang Tujuh Kecamatan Rasau Jaya Kabupaten Kubu Raya, dengan ini menerangkan bahwa lahan milik Samsiar dan Pendi yang masuk dalam wilayah Desa Pematang Tujuh yang terbakar dari tanggal 13 Agustus 2018 sampai tanggal 28 Agustus 2018 adalah disebabkan karena aktifitas pembukaan lahan oleh warga dan lahan tersebut dalam penguasaan sepenuhnya oleh Samsiar dan Pendi dengan status Sertifikat Hak Milik (SHM) dan bukan merupakan lahan yang dikelola ataupun dikuasai oleh pihak PT. Putra Lirik Domas.

Yang bertanda tangan dibawah ini :  
1. Nama : Nur'aini  
2. Jabatan : Sekretaris Desa Rasau Jaya Umum

Menerangkan Bahwa :

Bersama ini kami selaku Kepala Desa Pematang Tujuh juga menyampaikan terima kasih kepada pihak PT. Putra Lirik Domas yang telah membantu dan berperan aktif dalam proses pemadaman kebakaran diwilayah Desa kami bersama dengan tim dari Kepolisian, TNI dan Masyarakat Peduli Api.

1. Lahan Milik Samsiar dan Pendi memang benar sebagian masuk wilayah Desa Rasau Jaya Umum Kecamatan Rasau Jaya Kabupaten Kubu Raya Propinsi Kalimantan Barat.
2. Bahwa memang benar pada tanggal 13 Agustus 2018 sampai dengan tanggal 28 Agustus 2018 telah terjadi kebakaran di atas lahan tersebut, disebabkan adanya aktifitas pembukaan lahan oleh warga dan lahan tersebut dalam penguasaan sepenuhnya oleh Samsiar dan Pendi dengan status Sertifikat Hak Milik (SHM).
3. Dan lahan tersebut bukan merupakan lahan yang dikelola ataupun dikuasai oleh pihak P.T.Putra Lirik Domas (PLD).
4. Bersama ini kami selaku Pemerintah Desa Rasau Jaya Umum juga menyampaikan Terima Kasih kepada pihak P.T.Putra Lirik Domas (PLD) dan Pihak dari Mangala Api, Masyarakat Peduli API, Pihak Keamanan baik TNI maupun POLRI yang telah berperan aktif dalam proses pemadaman kebakaran di Wilayah Desa Rasau Jaya Umum.

Demikian Surat Keterangan ini di buat dengan sebenar-benarnya untuk dapat di penggunaan sebagaimana mestinya.

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DIBUAT DI : PEMATANG TUJUH  
PADA TANGGAL : 31 AGUSTUS 2018

KEPALA DESA PEMATANG TUJUH



### PT Agro Alam Nusantara (AAN)

On August 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, a fire was detected in an area outside of PT AAN's planted boundaries; land that belongs to Suroso (local community member). Estimated burnt area: around 10 hectares. Members from the local community (Marsukat and Dorib) had requested help from the company to put out the fire on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.





After the request, 40 personnel from company firefighting team together Police, Army, and Manggala Agni responded to put out the fire until August 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 to ensure the fire was completely put out.

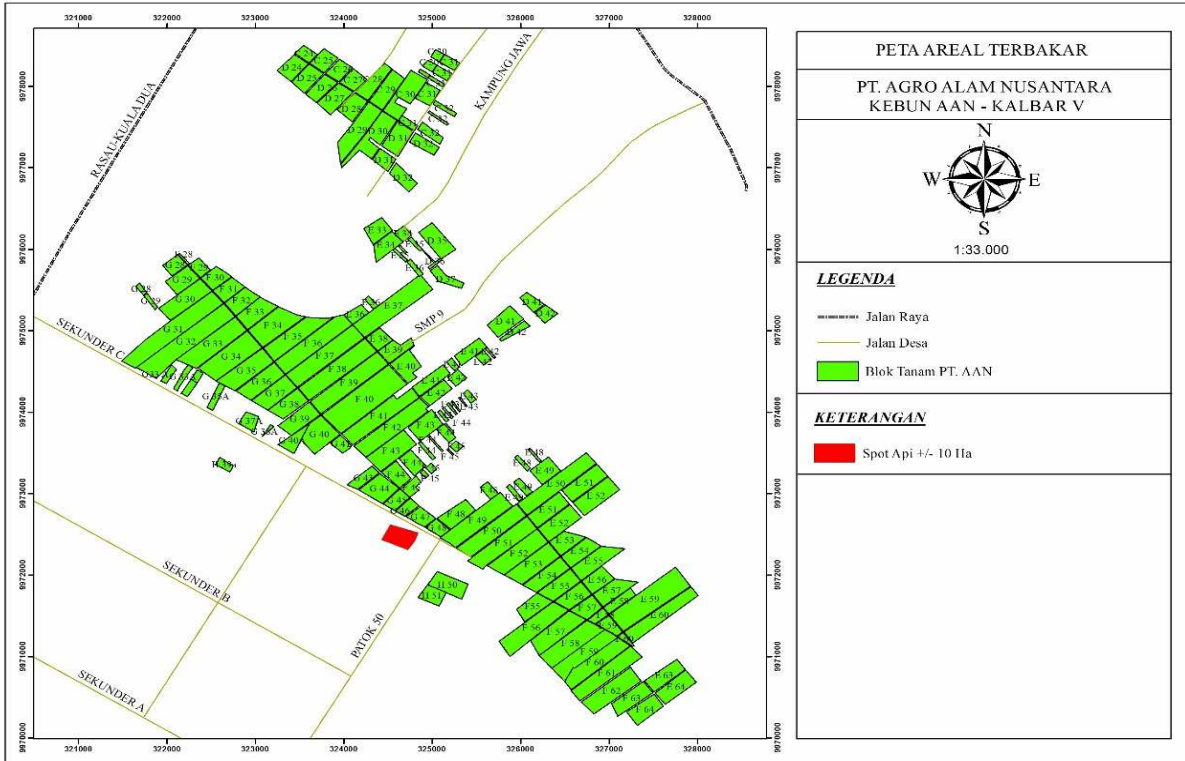


After the incident, PT AAN received a letter of appreciation from the village head of Mekar Sari, thanking the company for its help to put out the fire.





The burnt area was located outside of PT AAN’s planted area, as registered with the planted block boundary:



PT AAN already stopped to acquire land since 2012. It is not expanding its development as it could not obtain Free, Prior and Informed Consent from land owners in the community.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES:

On August 28, the Police Chief of West Kalimantan issued a statement that 27 suspects in recent West Kalimantan fire incidents had been identified, and that there are no indications so far that any are no oil palm plantations. The statement by the Police Chief of West Kalimantan can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/HDDThPLW1fM>

## Kapolda Kalbar Tegaskan Belum Ada Indikasi Perusahaan Bakar Lahan

Selasa, 28 Agustus 2018 22:39



Kapolda Kalbar Irjen Pol Didi Haryono menyampaikan pemaparan saat Rapat Koordinasi Lintas Sektoral Penanganan Karhutla di Hotel Mercure Pontianak, Selasa (28/8/2018) siang.

### Laporan Wartawan Tribun Pontianak, Rizky Prabowo Rahino

**TRIBUNPONTIANAK.CO.ID, PONTIANAK** – Kapolda Kalbar Irjen Pol Didi Haryono menegaskan berdasarkan penyelidikan oleh pihaknya, belum ada perusahaan sawit yang terindikasi sebagai pelaku pembakaran lahan di Kalimantan Barat.

"Hasil penyelidikan kami tidak ada korporasi yang jadi pelaku pembakaran karhutla. Kalau ada laporkan, Sampai saat ini belum ada," ungkapnya di sela-sela Rapat Koordinasi Lintas Sektoral Penanganan Karhutla di Hotel Mercure Pontianak, Selasa (28/8/2018) siang.

Jenderal bintang dua ini memimpin rapat koordinasi yang digelar bersama para pemangku kepentingan dan perusahaan perkebunan sawit ini juga menjadi momentum evaluasi.

"Sampai saat ini ada 27 tersangka yang kita proses terkait pembakaran hutan dan lahan. Dari jumlah itu, yang ditahan ada 14 orang. Yang lain tidak dilakukan penahanan karena beberapa sebab, diantaranya seorang wanita yang punya bayi dan pertimbangan lainnya," terangnya.

Terkait penyegehan lima perusahaan perkebunan di wilayah Kabupaten Kubu Raya oleh Tim Kementerian Lingkungan Hidup dan Kehutanan (KLHK), Kapolda mengatakan bahwa pihaknya akan melihat data dan bukti-bukti penyebab penyegehan.

"Akan kami sinkronisasikan dan koordinasikan dengan rekan-rekan dari KLHK. Kami belum tahu secara detailnya. Prosesnya kan bisa dikoordinasikan, Silahkan saja teman-teman media mengawal dan mengikuti kasus hukum itu," imbuhnya.

Polda Kalbar juga akan lakukan penyelidikan apakah ada unsur pidana atau tidak. Ketika ditemukan ada unsur pidana, maka bisa ditingkatkan ke penyidikan untuk menentukan siapa pelaku dan tersangkanya.

"Teman-teman semua bisa lakukan pengawasan dan pengawalan dalam proses ini. Untuk kasus yang terjadi di tahun 2015, saya akan dalami dulu. Pelan-pelan, satu persatu dulu. Nanti bisa kita bongkar. Fokus ke tahun 2018 dulu ya," tegasnya.

Antisipasi dan penanganan kebakaran hutan dan lahan (karhutla), kata dia, merupakan tanggung jawab bersama. Dampak karhutla begitu terasa bagi kesehatan dimana ada kasus warga yang meninggal dunia karena terpapar kabut asap, lantas sekitar 2 ribuan orang harus terkena Infeksi Saluran Pernafasan Akut (ISPA).

"Karhutla menelan korban jiwa yang terbakar hangus di beberapa wilayah. Kabut asap juga mengganggu aktivitas ekonomi, sosial dan lainnya," terangnya

Kapolda bersyukur terjadi hujan di enam wilayah kabupaten/kota di Kalbar. Air hujan yang turun dapat meredam dan merendam gambut. Ia berharap daerah-daerah lain juga turun hujan agar hotspot bisa nihil dan kabut asap hilang.

"Mari bersama-sama berdoa, karena tidak ada cara lain hanya hujan yang mampu meredam asap ini. Segala macam upaya sudah kita lakukan dengan masyarakat lokal," tukasnya