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Cc: Ole Emmik Sørensen; Anette Norling
Emne: VS: Minutes from meeting

Dear Irene Fernandez,

We have for several days tried to get into contact with you by phone and emails as a follow up to an article in the Danish newspaper Politiken regarding United Plantations. As explained by Mr. Ole Emmik Soerensen in the email below, the aim of DEA 's sitevisit on September 28-29, 2010 to United Plantations was to investigate the actual use of monocrotophos at United Plantations as the company has decided to totally outphase the use of paraquat by September 2010. Also, the aim of the sitevisit was not a broader focus on the use of pesticides in general in plantations nor in Malaysia.

As we had no reaction from you to the email from Ole Emmik Soerensen, I am looking forward to your reply as soon as possible and at the latest by tomorrow (Tuesday, November 2); if we do not receive any comment, we kindly assume that you agree with the conclusions as referred to by Ole Emmik Soerensen.

Yours sincerely

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Emne: Minutes from meeting

Dear Irene Fernandez

Since I have not heard from you I expect that you have been away from the office. The article has now been published in the Danish newspaper Politiken in which you are cited: "NGO: Danish Energy Agency did not include critical information in their report". The way that this article is written is clearly indicating that things are not as they are supposed to be at United Plantations and Politiken is thereby questioning our report and our conclusions - and with this RSPO in general.

As I wrote yesterday, the aim of our sitevisit on September 28-29 were exclusively to investigate whether the current situation at United Plantations is acceptable - not a broader focus on the use of pesticides in general in

plantations or in Malaysia. Further, given that paraquat totally has been outphased by United Plantations before the site visit, the inspection focused on the use of monocrotophos at United Plantations (Jenderata).

With paraquat being phased out, with UP being certified by RSPO, with monocrotophos only being used as a last defense in their IPM and with an internal aim to outphase also this pesticide by March 31, 2011 our conclusion is - based on the inspections by RSPO and the representative from the Danish Environmental Agency, whom you also met at our meeting - that the current practice at United Plantations is fine and that RSPO is a good way to ensure best practice within the palm oil sector.

Referring to the article of Politiken today and the fact that paraquat is already totally outphased, we would like you to clarify if you find any specific problems with the actual use of monocrotophos at United Plantations when the RSPO can certify that all safety precautions are kept and the injection team is specially trained for this and when the injection team are examined by medics regularly? As mentioned, the use of monocrotophos has been reduced significantly as part of their IPM, the use is in accordance with the RSPO-certification and United Plantations has an internal aim to outphase the use of monocrotophos by March 31, 2011.

Also, to avoid misunderstandings our visit did not rely to plantations in general or to Malaysia in general.

We are looking very much forward to your answer as soon as possible and at the latest by tomorrow Friday.

Best regards

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