EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DUNGUN TIMBER COMPLEX (DTC) & CHERUL FOREST CONCESSION (CFC),
TERENGGANU, MALAYSIA

This document outlines the rationales, objectives, policies, strategies and general plans of actions that will be taken by the Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Terangganu Sdn Bhd (KPKKT) as the managers of the recently-merged two forest concessions of Dungun Timber Complex (DTC) and Cherul Forest Concession (CFC), during the years to come, till the completion of the currently on-going second rotation of the sustainable management and conservation of the forest areas concerned under the Malaysian Selective Management System (SMS) towards the end of 2030’s.

Located in the south of the northeastern State of Terengganu, Peninsular Malaysia, the two forest concessions were hitherto controlled and managed separately over the past 30-plus years as follows: DTC by KPKKT whereas CFC by Pesama Timber Corporation Sdn Bhd (Pesama) which is KPKKT’s sister company under the state government-linked company (GLC) Golden Pharos Berhad (GPB). The management of GPB had decided in 2018 that, for practicality and strategic reasons the two forest concessions must be placed under one single management (i.e. KPKKT) in an effort to achieve cost-efficiency and optimize limited resources particularly when the organizations concerned were so short of qualified personnel and other inputs. The raison d’ etre for the unification was made stronger by virtue of the fact that both areas had earlier been successfully certified as “well-managed forests” under the stringent standard of the world-renoun Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). And by putting them under one single management, any future auditing exercises for the purpose of FSC or other certifications would be made less cumbersome whereby unnecessary duplication of efforts and waste of resources would be avoided. In this way it would not only save energy and resources but also motivate the management, staff and contractors concerned. It was, in a way, a recognition of KPKKT as a reputable, world-class managers of the invaluable tropical forest resources.

Under the circumstance, this Forest Management Plan (FMP) looks forward towards combining the original disparate FMPs for the two forest concession areas with the view of consolidating and streamlining the various instructions and plans of actions contained in the two documents, and implement them on the ground with the help of the relevant agencies and stakeholders concerned. This is particularly more so in regard of the management, development and conservation of the High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs), as well as social impacts and environmental impacts now that their scopes of coverage have increased necessitating more rigorous and focused professional attention by KPKKT. KPKKT’s corporate social responsibility (CSR) and accountability have also now expanded, and so would wildlife monitoring and management and the handling and resolution of human-wildlife conflicts. Other aspects such as forest inventory, forest rehabilitation (silviculture), forest nursery, research and development (R&D), training, forest engineering, logistic, enforcement, as well
as business and finance tend to share many common elements which should not pose any untoward problem to KPKKT.

Needless to say, the above are, but only some of the challenges to be faced and amicably handled by KPKKT during the years to come. But given the company’s reputation and exemplary track record over the past 40-odd years coupled with excellent working relationship with the authorities concerned such as the Terengganu State Forest Department (JPNT), the Department of Environment (DoE), Wildlife Department (Perhilitan), Dept of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), the universities, the District offices, etc. etc., the various non-governmental organizations (NGOs), KPKKT can surely braced itself of being able to meet up with the challenges and bring the management and conservation of the forest areas under its management to a new higher level.

In this FMP attempts are made to reproduce, refine and consolidate and describe key elements of the original previous FMPs in the context of present and future understanding and knowhow in forestry, ecology, sociology, science and technology, economic and business, so as to enable them to be implemented in the best possible way.

In other words, this FMP is subject to future adjustment and periodic updating from time to time as and when necessary and justifiable. It will continue to be accommodating and adaptable to reflect the changing trends and sentiments. On top of that, KPKKT will continue to be committed with FSC and all its standard of forest management and conservation.

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