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RPDR-PKPP: CONTINUOUS FARMERS ENGAGEMENT CHURN OUT POSITIVE RESULTS INCREASE REGISTRATION RECORDED

PETALING JAYA, 25th September 2020 – The management of Royal Pahang Durian Resources PKPP Sdn Bhd (RPDR-PKPP) today said the company recorded an increase in registration to its proposed legalisation scheme following continuous engagement with the farmers in Raub.

Within this week, an additional 26 farmers expressed their interest in the legalisation scheme and decided to register themselves, further demonstrating farmer’s increasing willingness to mutually work with RPDR-PKPP in resolving the issue of illegal farming in Raub through a mutually win-win formula.

Through on-going discussions with farmers, the management of RPDR-PKPP has also decided to improve the terms of the legalisation scheme further. For example, the year 2020 one-time payment of RM6,000-00/acre is now structured in the following flexible instalment and proportions: -

- (a) 20% - By 15th November 2020;
- (b) 40% - By 15st March 2021; and
- (c) 40% - By 15th June 2021.

In addition, farmers are at the liberty to trade freely on their own till 31st May 2021. RPDR-PKPP will endeavour to improve the terms in order to create a mutually beneficial scheme for all parties concerned. These improved terms will also be applicable to those farmers already registered with RPDR-PKPP. We remain open and encourage farmers that have yet to be registered with RPDR-PKPP to seek clarification and come forward to exchange information with RPDR-PKPP.

“We have also fulfilled our earnest sum payment obligation to Perbadanan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Pahang (PSK) which is due in September 2020 reflecting our strong financial capability.”

CLARIFICATIONS

The Management of RPDR-PKPP wishes to clarify that the allegation of purported monopoly of the Malaysian and Raub durian industry is baseless. In fact, based on official “**Fruit Crop Statistics 2018**” of the Department of Agriculture, the entire harvested acreage for durian farms in **Peninsular Malaysia** amounted to 39,959 hectares (**98,700 acres**). In **Pahang State** total farm size amounted to 11,042.27 hectares (**27,286 acres**) whereby durian planting farms in District of Raub stood at 8,574 hectares (**21,186 acres**). Further RPDR-PKPP maintains its commitment to allocate no less than 30% of total tonnage produced in the illegal farms back to the farmers, local collectors, traders and/or local durian processing plants.

Negeri State	DURIAN (Durian)			
	Keluasan Hectareage (Ha)	Luas Berhasil Harvested Area (Ha)	Pengeluaran Production (Mt)	Nilai Pengeluaran Value Of Production (RM'000)
JOHOR	18,116.60	11,345.14	87,837.80	1,588,107.41
KEDAH	3,705.35	2,935.70	18,453.68	333,642.54
KELANTAN	7,582.70	4,532.68	31,553.62	570,489.41
MELAKA	1,145.32	1,072.37	3,118.01	56,373.61
NEGERI SEMBILAN	2,378.38	1,902.42	15,484.31	279,956.30
PAHANG	14,867.16	11,042.27	89,915.69	1,625,675.59
PERAK	4,936.65	3,532.93	29,659.06	536,235.78
PERLIS	297.70	297.70	1,755.93	31,747.27
PULAU PINANG	1,632.52	1,476.14	10,491.17	22,556.02
SELANGOR	373.00	188.30	1,074.23	2,309.60
TERENGGANU	2,994.87	1,633.53	8,582.78	18,452.99
SEM. MALAYSIA Peninsular Malaysia	58,030.25	39,959.18	297,926.28	5,065,546.51
SABAH	4,985.80	1,641.70	8,741.00	18,793.15
SARAWAK	10,714.40	5,741.50	34,649.70	74,496.86
W.P. LABUAN	9.13	4.86	14.62	31.43
MALAYSIA	73,739.58	47,347.24	341,331.60	5,158,867.95

DAERAH District	DURIAN (Durian)			
Bentong	1,642.8	899.4	9,498.9	171,739.9
Bera	177.7	126.8	930.9	16,830.7
Cameron Highlands	-	-	-	-
Jerantut	353.3	300.1	1,304.6	23,587.8
Kuantan	368.3	247.3	624.6	11,292.0
Lipis	364.5	207.6	921.8	16,666.2
Maran	323.7	318.3	2,235.1	40,410.6
Pekan	69.0	63.4	417.2	7,542.7
Raub	11,201.2	8,574.0	70,649.5	1,277,343.6
Rompin	18.4	18.4	80.6	1,457.7
Temerloh	348.3	287.1	3,252.5	58,804.3
JUMLAH	14,867.2	11,042.3	89,915.7	1,625,675.6

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About Royal Pahang Durian Resources PKPP Sdn Bhd (RPDR-PKPP)

RPDR-PKPP was granted and accepted the mandate by the Pahang State Government in June 2020 through the Perbadanan Setiausaha Negeri Pahang (PSK), to undertake and implement its legalisation scheme proposal to address the issue of illegal farming in the district of Raub, and to curb further encroachment.

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