

## **Smallholder Achievements and Sustainability; Position of Outgrower**

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### (1) Participation of Outgrower in the CSPO production

As a Outgrower I attended RT4 in Kuala Lumpur in Nov 2006 to gain a comprehensive understanding of the Principles & Criteria of RSPO.

I have arranged for a “Baseline Assessment Visit Report - Independent Smallholders” for of my estate in Perak to evaluate our compliance status and identification of shortfalls.

My visits to mills doing methane capture have also exposed me to “Book and Claim” and tracking of Carbon Credits.

### (2) Company roles in supporting the smallholder development towards the production of sustainable palm oil.

As a Council member of Malaysian Estate Owners’ Malaysia (MEOA), I arranged for talks by Accredited Certification Bodies to explain the concept of RSPO to fellow Outgrowers and Independent Millers.

I become more aware of sustainable practices. Some of which are from RSPO Malaysia National Interpretation (MY- NI) including: -

- i. Criterion 4.3: Erosion control and degradation of soils.
- ii. Criterion 4.6: Proper Agrochemicals usage.
- iii. Criterion 5.2: High Conservation Value (HCV) habitats.
- iv. Criterion 5.3: Waste reduction & recycling.

### (3) Challenges and key lessons learnt

The present “Certification Unit” (4.2.3 RSPO Certification Systems 2007) is the greatest impediment and should be reworded to be less exclusive so as to fully engage Outgrowers and Independent Millers in Malaysia.

“Parallel Certificate Trading” or “Book and Claim” (3.2 RSPO Supply Chain Certification System - 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011) should be given more relevance.

Step by step implementation will be more effective than current giant leap.