



# Sime Darby Makes It Two

## Certification in hand

A business unit of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd has also been awarded the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Certification.

The Sandakan Bay strategic operating unit (SOU) was audited by BSi Management Systems and certified by the RSPO. (A SOU is a business unit comprising a mill and its supply base of one or more estates.)

The 12,000ha Sandakan Bay SOU in eastern Sabah produces about 63,000 tonnes of RSPO certified crude palm oil and 16,000 tonnes of palm kernel oil. Four other SOUs – Mostyn, Binuang, Giram and Merotai – have been audited by SIRIM and are awaiting RSPO Certification.

“This is a significant achievement for the team that has been working towards obtaining RSPO Certification. It underlines the continuous effort to maintain the highest standards in our operations,” said Sime Darby President and Chief Executive Dato’ Seri Ahmad Zubir Murshid.

“We are working towards full certification and we are confident that by 2011 all our 65 strategic operating units will be RSPO certified.”

Sime Darby also supports local communities by engaging smallholders to supply palm fruits to its SOUs.

### Company Profile

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd, one of the five core divisions of the Sime Darby Group, is involved in oil palm cultivation; agribusiness and food; and research and development activities.

Sime Darby Bhd was merged with Golden Hope Plantations Bhd and Kumpulan Guthrie Bhd on Nov 27, 2007.

It established Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd as the world’s largest commercial source of palm oil, accounting for 6% of global output.

The Plantation Division spans Malaysia, as well as the Indonesian islands of Kalimantan, Sumatera and Sulawesi. In all, it manages 524,626ha of oil palm.

Downstream operations are found in 15 countries, with business activities comprising refining of edible oil; manufacture of oils and fats products; and production of oleochemicals and bio-diesel.

The company is committed to sustainable development in all its activities and adheres strictly to industry-proven best agricultural practices.

Source: Annual Report 2008

The first shipment of certified and traceable palm oil was due to be shipped to Unimills BV in Holland by end October. Unimills, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sime Darby Bhd, is a leading edge supplier of tailor-made vegetable oils in Europe.

RSPO Certification is a rigorous process in which the entire operations and processes of a particular business unit are thoroughly investigated. The company’s agricultural practices and social and environmental management policies are assessed.

Biodiversity Assessment and Social Impact Assessment Programmes were among the aspects evaluated for Sime Darby’s certification process:

- Biodiversity Assessment investigates ways of enhancing biodiversity in each area, looking at river buffer zones, mud pools, hot springs and surrounding natural forests.
- Social Impact Assessment looks at management of employees, enhancement of their welfare, surrounding communities and other relevant stakeholders.

A pioneer member of the RSPO, Sime Darby Plantation owns and operates 208 oil palm estates and 65 palm oil mills in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd