Public Notification Letter

To: Interested Parties  
From: Rainforest Alliance  
Date: April 7th 2014 
Re: Public Briefing Paper for Chain of Custody with Controlled Wood Surveillance Audit of Associated Kiln Driers May 21st and 22nd 2014.

**Introduction** - The Rainforest Alliance is conducting a chain of custody (CoC) with controlled wood (CW) surveillance audit of Associated Kiln Driers (SW-COC/CW-001478) located in Victoria, Australia. The audit will be conducted 21st and 22nd May 2014. Stakeholder consultation will be made before, during and after the field work, but prior to completion of a draft report.

**Scope of the Certification** – The CoC-CW surveillance audit will evaluate the organisation’s CoC and CW system including High Conservation Value aspects of the forest management units managed by Associated Kiln Diers suppliers using FSC standards FSC-STD-40-004 and FSC-STD-40-005. The forest/woodlots area under the scope of Associated Kiln Diers FSC CoC-CW certificate is located across Victoria & South Australia. To obtain a copy of the applicable standards or to make comments about the standards, please contact Rainforest Alliance by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below.
Audit Team Composition – The audit team will be led by Malory Weston (Rainforest Alliance CoC-CW & FM Lead Auditor) and one trainee auditor yet to be confirmed.

Audit Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:
   - 7 April 2014: Stakeholder consultation
   - 21 May 2014: Opening meeting with Associated Kiln Driers
   - 21 – 22 May 2014: Field audit of CoC manufacturing facilities and CW suppliers.
   - 22 May 2014: Closing meeting with Associated Kiln Driers staff and presentation of preliminary findings. Final data collection.
   - 23 May 2014 to 9 June 2014: Production of draft report

Your Input Sought – As a part of the FSC chain of custody with controlled wood surveillance audit process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Associated Kiln Driers controlled wood source in relation to the requirements of the chain of custody standards referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the audit process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the audit, during the audit, or prior to 21 May 2014 so that we can take them into consideration. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:
1. Meet with a Rainforest Alliance audit team member during the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Malory Weston (Rainforest Alliance CoC-CW & FM Lead Auditor).
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Amber Peperkamp the staff person responsible for coordinating this surveillance audit. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of evaluating Associated Kiln Driers. The source of any
information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and Rainforest Alliance staff. Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the chain of custody certification process or decision can access Rainforest Alliance's dispute resolution procedures at www.rainforest-alliance.org

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