Introduction - The Rainforest Alliance is conducting the forest management and chain of custody certification reassessment of the Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd., located in Victoria, Australia. The reassessment will be implemented from 8th to 14th November 2018.

Scope of the Certification Reassessment – The forest management certification reassessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the plantation managed by Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd., using the FM-32 Rainforest Alliance Interim Standard for Assessing Forest Management in Australia Version December 2014 & FM-35 and Rainforest Alliance Chain-of-Custody Standard for Forest Management Enterprises (FMEs) (19 Aug 2013). To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact Rainforest Alliance by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. Please note that the standard may be modified to take account of stakeholder comments. Rainforest Alliance is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™1 (FSC®) and this reassessment process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

Reassessment Team Composition – The reassessment team will be led Malory Weston. The team members will be Mr. Shaun Quayle.

Reassessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:
- **Reassessment organization** – The Rainforest Alliance team will assemble in Melbourne on 7th November 2018.
- **Field Reassessments** – The team will visit sites managed by Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. from 8th to 14th November 2018.
- **Stakeholder consultation** – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- **Public stakeholder meetings** – A public stakeholder meeting will be held in a centrally located public meeting place for Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. Date, time, and location will be announced soon.
- **Final Reassessment briefing** – Prior to departure the team will meet with Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.

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Draft report production – The Reassessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. and a minimum of independent reviewer. This should occur 30 days after completion of the reassessment.

Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. forest managers and independent peer reviewers, and other general stakeholder comments, Rainforest Alliance will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by February 2019.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard 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 assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment, or prior to November 28th, 2018 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by February 2019. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a Rainforest Alliance assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Pratama Bagus Kurniaji, the Rainforest Alliance staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from Asia Pacific Regional Office. If Pratama Bagus Kurniaji is not in the office, please give your comments to either Indu Bikal Sapkota.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Pratama Bagus Kurniaji. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd.

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 forest certification process or decision can access Rainforest Alliance’s Complaints, Appeals and Dispute resolution procedures at http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/business/certification-verification/dispute-resolution.

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