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## **DUE DILIGENCE STATEMENT**

Regarding to the EU Deforestation and the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR)

Thai Eastern Group is a participant in the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR), and a responsible member of the Natural Rubber and Palm Oil industry. We are committed to promoting sustainable practices and environmental stewardship in all aspects of our operations. We recognized the importance of aligning with both the GPSNR Policy Framework for Sustainable Natural Rubber Production and Sourcing and the European Union (EU) Deforestation Regulation. This joint commitment ensures that our business practices contribute to environment protection, community well-being, and responsible sourcing. Our dedication to responsible sourcing and production unwavering, as we recognize the vital role these industries play in preserving our planet's delicate ecosystems. With a strong sense of responsibility, we pledge to take decisive actions to ensure our supply chain remains free from deforestation-related activities.

### **Integration of GPSNR Policy Components:**

We affirm our dedication to adhering to the 37 Policy Components outlined in the GPSNR Policy Framework. These commitments guide our decisions and action across our operations. By embracing the principles of legal compliance, ecosystem preservation, human rights protection, community support, production efficiency, system implementation, supply chain management, and transparent reporting, we aim to create a sustainable natural rubber industry.

### **Implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation:**

In addition to our GPSNR membership, we acknowledge and embrace our responsibilities under the EU Deforestation Regulation. This regulation underscores the significance of combating deforestation and forest degradation in the global supply chain natural rubber and oil palm. Our commitment to due diligence aligns with the Regulation's aim to prevent the placement of products linked to deforestation and to contribute to sustainable land use practices.

### **Due Diligence and Traceability:**

We commit to rigorous due diligence procedures in our natural rubber supply chains, utilizing GPSNR's guidelines to identify and mitigate social and environmental risks. Our pledge to traceability extends to complying with the EU Deforestation Regulation's requirements to avoid sourcing products linked to deforestation and to demonstrate transparency in our sourcing practices.

We conduct thorough plantation mapping analysis and risk management to proactively identify areas with potential deforestation risks. Through this approach, we aim to mitigate any negative impacts on forests and their delicate ecosystems. By addressing these risks promptly, we actively work to safeguard biodiversity and promote sustainable land use practices.

### **Stakeholder Engagement and Continuous Improvement:**

We value open and meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including local communities, industry peers, and concerned parties. By actively participating in dialogues and sharing



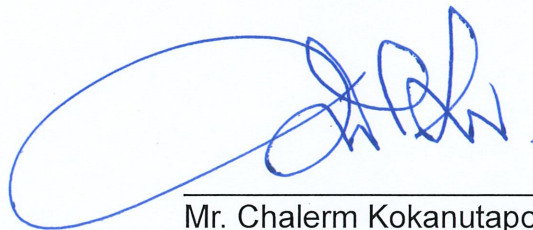
information, we ensure that our practices are aligned with the expectations of all stakeholders. We recognize that this journey is one of continuous improvement and are dedicated to advancing our sustainability efforts over time.

**Reporting and Accountability:**

We are committed to regular reporting on our progress and outcomes. This transparency demonstrates our accountability to both the GPSNR and the EU Deforestation Regulation. Through accurate reporting, we intend to showcase our achievements, address any challenges, and contribute to the broader goals of sustainable natural rubber and oil palm production and deforestation-free supply chains.

In harmonizing our committing to the GPSNR Policy Framework and the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), Thai Eastern Group has formulated a comprehensive Sustainable Development Policy. This policy is complemented by our Sustainable Supply Chain Management Policy (SSCM), which sets out stringent guidelines and criteria for our suppliers. As part of our commitment to protect forests and biodiversity, we have taken a firm stance on terminating any supplier found to be engaged in deforestation practices or where HCVs have been degraded, ensuring that all raw materials are procured responsibly after 1 April 2019. (EUDR cut-off date of December 31, 2020 is later than GPSNR cut-off date of 1 April 2019)

Thai Eastern Group is dedicated to providing our customers with high-quality natural rubber and palm oil products that are responsibly sourced and free from deforestation. We firmly believe that through our sustainable supply chain practices and unwavering commitment to environmental preservation, we can positively influence the natural rubber and palm oil industries while contributing to a greener and more sustainable futures for all.



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