



## **APRIL achieves full SVLK certification for Indonesia mills and plantations** *Certification of legality for Europe and US exports*



**JAKARTA, 26 October 2012** - Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) today announced that its Kerinci pulp and paper mills and its plantations in Riau Province, Indonesia are now fully certified under SVLK (Timber Legality Verification System), the new Indonesian certification which meets stringent international standards for legality, including in Europe and the US.

“In addition to APRIL’s current international chain-of-custody and legality certifications, we are proud to offer our customers, specifically in Europe, the US and Japan, added assurance through SVLK that all our pulp and paper products are verified as legal and traceable through every step in our supply chain, from raw materials up to point of export,” said Kusnan Ramin, President Director of Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper (RAPP), as APRIL is known in Indonesia. RAPP’s plantations were the first in Indonesia to attain SVLK in October 2010.

APRIL’s pulp and paper mills in Kerinci, Riau Province, successfully passed audits by independent and accredited auditor PT. Mutu Agung Lestari (MAL), verifying APRIL’s entire supply chain met legality standards as required by Indonesian law to receive SVLK and PHPL (Sustainable Forest Management) certification.

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### **About APRIL**

*Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) is a leading producer of fibre, pulp and paper with manufacturing operations in Kerinci, Riau Province, Indonesia. Its flagship product is PAPEROne™ office paper produced from sustainable plantation fibre and sold in over 70 countries worldwide. APRIL is a signatory to the UN Global Compact since 2006. For more information, please visit [www.aprilasia.com](http://www.aprilasia.com)*

### **About SVLK**

*The SVLK system, jointly developed by Indonesia and the European Union, addresses the problem of illegal logging and related international trade with an Indonesian timber legality assurance system (TLAS) that meets requirements of the EU's Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) policy for timber and timber products, which will come into effect on March 2013.*

*The SVLK system is the result of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) between Indonesia and the EU signed in May 2011 following four years of negotiation to on how to tackle illegal logging and improve market opportunities for Indonesian timber and timber based products, in response to increasingly stringent regulations and market requirements.*

*Under the VPA, all timber and timber related companies from Indonesia must hold SVLK certification, verifying compliance under the EU Timber Regulation. The VPA also allows that all Indonesia's verified legal timber exports can be used in other markets such as the US, Japan and Australia as assurance of legality.*

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