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### **APRIL Affirms Commitment to Protect Kampar Peninsula**

Affirming its commitment to the protection of conservation areas in the Kampar Peninsula, APRIL today confirmed that the access road to its new port site in Riau does not cut through areas that are gazetted as protected reserves.

“Contrary to some allegations, our new access road does not cut through any part of a gazetted conservation zone,” said Mr. Mark Werren, Vice-President of Riaufiber, APRIL’s fiber plantation division.

APRIL’s development strategy in its concessions in the Kampar Peninsula and Pulau Padang aims to protect the core forest areas through the development of a “Plantation Ring,” primarily on land already degraded. This will help prevent encroachment into the forest reserves by illegal loggers and settlers, as well as create economic opportunities for the local communities.

APRIL remains committed to eradicating illegal logging in its operations and actively pursues collaborations with government and NGOs in combating illegal logging in Riau. APRIL’s implementation of its Wood Purchase policy is verified annually by SGS Malaysia, with WWF as independent observer, and ensures that no illegitimate wood enters its production process.

Similar to the multi-stakeholder initiative with WWF and the local government for the protection of Tesso Nilo, APRIL believes combating illegal logging in the Kampar Peninsula requires a concerted action by all concerned groups. The company affirms that only by combining vigilant legal enforcement and poverty alleviation initiatives, involving the private sector, NGOs and government, can illegal logging be stopped in the Kampar Peninsula.

*For more information, please refer to APRIL's latest Sustainability Report at [http://www.aprilasia.com/csr/SR2004\\_final.pdf](http://www.aprilasia.com/csr/SR2004_final.pdf) or contact Corporate Communications*

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