



## **APRIL Achieves LEI Forest Certification**

***Company is first in Indonesia***

***to attain certification for plantation forest management***

(14 March 2006 - Singapore) APRIL has successfully attained certification from the Indonesian Ecolabelling Institute, or Lembaga Ekolabel Indonesia (LEI), for its fiber plantation operations in Riau, Indonesia, becoming the first company in the country to do so.

The certification was granted following two phases of field assessments conducted by LEI-accredited assessors in November 2004 and September 2005. The final assessment report was approved on 24 January 2006 by the LEI Expert Panel.

“Being first to achieve LEI certification for plantation forest management affirms that APRIL is a leader in sustainable forest management in the region and that our plantation management practices are in accordance to national and international third-party standards,” said Mr A J Devanesan, the President of APRIL. “We will continue to seek external verification and move forward with our bid for international forest certification as part of our continuous improvement strategy.”

APRIL is also committed to the protection of HCVF (high conservation value forests), following the Mosaic Plantation concept, which enables it to conserve biodiversity values and create economic benefits for the communities, while also



generating renewable fiber supply from previously degraded lands. The company, which has also obtained ISO 14001 certification for environmental management and OHSAS 18001 for health and safety, reforests over 50,000 hectares and grows over 100 million trees annually.

***About APRIL***

APRIL, with offices in Singapore and operations in Indonesia and China, is a leading producer of fiber, pulp and paper. APRIL operates one of the world's largest pulp mills with an annual production capacity of 2,000,000 tonnes in Indonesia. The company is committed to protecting the natural resources in its care through sustainable management of its mills and forestry operations to benefit our stakeholders, both now and in the future.

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