



## **APRIL Group Declares Fire Danger Period in Riau Concession Areas**

**Riau, Indonesia – 03 July 2026:** APRIL Group has declared a Fire Danger Period across its concession areas in Riau Province, Sumatra, until 30 September 2026. In anticipation of heightened risk of wildfires during the upcoming dry season, the company has strengthened its fire prevention and management measures under its standard operating procedures.

During the Fire Danger Period and in line with established best practice, APRIL will increase ground and air patrols to monitor for fire-related incidents, while also continuing to work with local communities to help reduce the risk of fires.

Each year, APRIL declares a Fire Danger Period to put its fire operations teams on high alert to monitor and respond to any hotspots or fire incidents that may arise in its concession areas and the surrounding areas. APRIL has also committed that it will help suppress any fires occurring within 3km of the boundaries of its concessions.

This declaration is a key element of APRIL's integrated approach to forest fire management and part of its continued commitment to working with government agencies, other concession holders and communities to mitigate the risk of fire during dry seasons.

Prevention remains key to APRIL's approach to fire management. APRIL has worked continuously with communities since 2014 through its Fire Free Village Program (FFVP) to educate and raise awareness about responsible forestry management practices among local villages. Today, the FFVP is comprised of 44 participating villages, covering a total area of 902,872 hectares. Fire incidents in the areas covered by the FFVP have been reduced by more than 90% since the program began.

"At the heart of forest fire management is fire prevention. Effective fire prevention depends on a shared commitment to protect communities, livelihoods and the environment. APRIL will continue working alongside communities, government agencies and other stakeholders to strengthen prevention efforts and safeguard the landscape," said Sihol Aritonang, President Director of PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper (PT RAPP), the operating arm of APRIL Group.

Since 1993, APRIL has operated a strict 'No Burn' policy and continues to adhere to the Indonesia legal requirement to address the risks posed by fires.

The company has also invested heavily in fire detection and suppression technology, through satellite imaging and CCTV towers located around the forest plantations. Its resources also include one helicopter, two airboats, 345 professional firefighters, 26 CCTV units, 177 water pumps, 1,209 hose reels and training for 735 volunteers across 49 Riau villages.

In case of potential hotspots or fire incidents, APRIL has in place a 24-hour Fire Hotline (+62 811 707 2121) to enable community members to report on fires occurring around its concession areas.



### **About APRIL Group**

APRIL Group is a leading global supplier of bio-based fibre products. Our diverse portfolio includes pulp, paper, viscose staple fibre (VSF), paperboard, and tissue. We manage forest plantations in Sumatra and Kalimantan, and operate manufacturing facilities in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau Province, Indonesia. Our vertically integrated value chain allows us to implement and uphold responsible operational practices throughout our production cycle. Under our Production-Protection model, we have adopted a unique 1-for-1 target of conserving one hectare for every hectare of plantation in our concessions, and currently conserve and restore more than 470,000 hectares of forests. For more information, visit [www.aprilasia.com](http://www.aprilasia.com)

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