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Apical Group Publishes Third Sustainability Report – ‘Synergising Energies’

Kuala Lumpur, 6 September 2019 – Apical Group, one of the largest palm oil processors, traders and exporters in Indonesia, released its 2018 Sustainability Report today. This report offers a more comprehensive approach to sustainability reporting than the previous year by using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards as the basis of its annual disclosures, and also includes details on its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

This is Apical's third sustainability report published annually since 2016. This report focuses on how Apical creates synergy through its relationship with its extensive network of stakeholders within its value chain and how it is leveraging technology to achieve its sustainability goals.

Apical Group has actively benchmarked its operations against global standards and best practices to achieve its sustainability goals. Guided by its vision to be a leading, sustainable and global integrated palm oil player, Apical seeks to drive positive social, environmental and living standards for all stakeholders, especially smallholders and communities.

Apical's 2018 Sustainability Report provides a transparent account of the company's sustainability performance and progress towards its commitments. In his statement in the report, Dato' Yeo How, President of Apical Group said, "We play a key role to advance transformation and remain committed to strengthen our position as an influencer by continuing to collaborate and engage with key stakeholders."

Dato' Yeo How added, "In particular, we look to leverage on the potential of partnerships to create synergy for better alignment and develop solid collaborations on our collective journey towards achieving a truly sustainable palm oil landscape. We are also increasingly investing in and piloting new technologies to spearhead some of our efforts."

This report also declares the Group's support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). The report details the company's plan to further contribute to its six prioritised goals which the company believes it has the greatest opportunity to advance, in sync with Apical's 5Cs business philosophy to do what is



good for the community, country, climate and customer and only then it will be good for the company.

“Looking back on 2018, we are very proud of the progress we have achieved and the transformations we have impacted through our various initiatives. In particular, through Apical’s flagship approach to supplier engagement, we have seen the impacts transparency and sincere engagement can achieve first-hand,” added Dato’ Yeo How.

Moving forward, Apical Group is focused on continuous improvement to build upon its current progress. As 2020 approaches, Apical plans to amplify its effort and activities to further drive positive change in the palm oil industry from within leading towards its extensive network chain. Addressing its own areas for improvement, the Group looks to strengthen its Sustainability Policy and supplier compliance to its policy, implement time-bound action plans for policy compliance, and increase reporting on implementation progress through the development of a comprehensive social assessment framework by 2020.

Click here to read the [Apical 2018 Sustainability Report](#).



About Apical

Apical Group Ltd is one of the largest exporters of palm oil in Indonesia, owning and controlling an extensive spectrum of the palm oil business value chain from sourcing to distribution. It also engages in the refining, processing and trading of palm oil for both domestic use and international export. Its operations are located in Indonesia, China and Spain, and include five refineries, three biodiesel plants, an oleochemical plant and a kernel crushing plant. Apical's business is built on a broad sourcing network in Indonesia with integrated refinery assets at strategic locations. These are strengthened by efficient logistic channels supported by Apical's own infrastructure to deliver to a wide range of clients from international trade houses to local industrial buyers. With its unique business model, Apical has been able to control product quality and address sustainability and food safety issues, while running highly efficient operations at its world-class refineries and integrated storage and bulking facilities.

About Apical's Sustainability

Since launching the Apical Sustainability Policy in 2014, Apical has made great strides in its transformation journey by adopting global standards and best practices within its operations, subsidiaries and in partnership with suppliers. Its refineries have been certified by the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) since 2010 and it has been a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) since 2011. It achieved full traceability to mills in 2015 and has targeted full traceability to plantations by 2020. The Group promotes the protection of high conservation value (HCV) and high carbon stock (HCS) areas, peatland and towards positive socio-economic development. Its sustainability partners include The Forest Trust, Proforest and Daemeter to ensure responsible sourcing, integration and continuous improvement to its supply chain transformation. Apical is committed to sustainable operations as the fundamental principle of its business to deliver high value products for today's global market demands.

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