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## News Release

### **Gold Level Recognition for Wilmar's Sustainable Sugar Initiative** *NDPE Sugar Achieves Highest Level of Alignment Against SAI Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment 3.0*

**Singapore, 1 November 2023** – [Farm Sustainability Assessment \(FSA\) 3.0](#) by the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) has recognised the [No Deforestation, No People Exploitation \(NDPE\) Sugar](#) by Wilmar International Limited (Wilmar) as aligned to FSA Gold Level. This is the highest possible level of alignment for outstanding sustainable farming practices against the FSA.

The FSA enables food and drink businesses to assess, improve, and validate on-farm sustainability in their supply chains. Over 100 different sustainability schemes in over 40 countries have been benchmarked in the FSA.

“We developed our NDPE Sugar to meet the growing demand for sustainably produced and sourced products. The Gold Level alignment to the FSA demonstrates the robust and comprehensive design and approach of our NDPE Sugar, which advocates sustainability while fostering better inclusivity for smallholder sugarcane growers,” said Wilmar’s Global Head of Sugar Jean-Luc Bohbot.

Wilmar launched its [NDPE Sugar Policy](#) in 2021 as a market transformation tool for sustainable sugar production that is environmentally and socially responsible while also driving improvements for the livelihoods of those involved in producing sugar. Working closely with its stakeholders, Wilmar is working to progressively cascade and implement the principles of NDPE Sugar through their supply chain, which in turn will drive lasting improvements in sustainability.

“Congratulations to Wilmar International for their outstanding achievement with the NDPE Sugar Policy. It exemplifies their dedication to a more sustainable future in sugar production, setting a commendable example for responsible and equitable farming that benefits both people and the planet.” – said Joe Iveson, FSA Manager.

## **ABOUT WILMAR'S SUSTAINABILITY**

As a leading agribusiness group, Wilmar recognises that we have a fundamental role to play in developing quality products required by the world while ensuring we have a responsible and sustainable manner of production. We adopt a holistic approach to sustainability that is fully integrated with our business model.

Guided by the philosophy that our business must enhance stakeholder value while minimizing our environmental footprint, our business practices are aligned with universally acceptable social and environmental standards. Wilmar's No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation<sup>1</sup> (NDPE) Policy and NDPE Sugar Policy, introduced in 2013 and 2021 respectively, underpin our aspiration to make a positive impact and drive transformation across the palm oil and sugar sectors.

For more information, please visit [www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability](http://www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability).

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