

## WILMAR'S PLANTATION FIRST TO BE RSPO-CERTIFIED IN GHANA

Singapore, 15 September 2014 – Following the announcement of its landmark commitment to No Deforestation, No Peat and No Exploitation in December last year, Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar"), Asia's leading agribusiness group, is pleased to announce that its subsidiary, Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited ("BOPP"), has become the first mill in Ghana, West Africa, to be awarded the certification for sustainable palm oil production, in accordance with the rigorous standards of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil ("RSPO"). With this certification, BOPP's mill is capable of producing approximately 12,700 metric tonnes of certified sustainable palm oil ("CSPO") and 3,200 metric tonnes of certified sustainable palm kernels ("CSPK") annually from its supply base of about 6,380 ha in Ghana, of which about 35% is contributed by smallholders.

The certification is testament to Wilmar's strong commitment towards sustainable palm oil production, based on best management practices and active engagement with different stakeholders in the palm oil value chain. The Group aims to complete RSPO certification audits for all its upstream operations (mills and plantations) by 2016.

Mr Jeremy Goon, the Group's Chief Sustainability Officer said, "We are proud to be the first plantation in Ghana to be awarded the RSPO certification. In particular, we are pleased that smallholders are also part of our sustainable supply chain. Smallholders are significant contributors to the palm oil value chain, and having their buy-in on sustainability is critical to the advancement of a sustainable palm oil industry. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Solidaridad, a Dutch non-governmental organisation, for their support in helping our smallholders improve productivity and thereby livelihood, as well as achieve RSPO certification through the smallholder capacity-building programme."

Premiums from the sale of the CSPO and CSPK volumes will be shared with the smallholders.

For more information about Wilmar's sustainability endeavour, please visit <a href="http://www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability/">http://www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability/</a>

## **About Wilmar**

Wilmar International Limited, founded in 1991 and headquartered in Singapore, is today Asia's leading agribusiness group. Wilmar is ranked amongst the largest listed companies by market capitalisation on the Singapore Exchange.

Wilmar's business activities include oil palm cultivation, oilseed crushing, edible oils refining, sugar milling and refining, specialty fats, oleochemicals, biodiesel and fertiliser manufacturing and grain processing. At the core of Wilmar's strategy is a resilient integrated agribusiness model that encompasses the entire value chain of the agricultural commodity processing business, from origination and processing to branding, merchandising and distribution of a wide range of agricultural products. It has over 450 manufacturing plants and an extensive distribution network covering China, India, Indonesia and some 50 other countries. The Group is backed by a multinational workforce of about 90,000 people.

Wilmar's portfolio of high quality processed agricultural products is the preferred choice of the food manufacturing industry, as well as the industrial and consumer food businesses. Its consumer-packed products occupy a leading share in its targeted markets. Through scale, integration and the logistical advantages of its business model, Wilmar is able to extract margins at every step of the value chain, thereby reaping operational synergies and cost efficiencies. Wilmar remains a firm advocate of sustainable growth and is committed to its role as a responsible corporate citizen.