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## **News Release**

# Wilmar Debuts on Dow Jones Sustainability Index

**Singapore, 16 November 2020** – Wilmar International Limited (Wilmar) today announced its inclusion to the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), under the Asia Pacific Index for the Food, Beverage and Tobacco industry grouping. Wilmar achieved 61 points compared to the average score of 30 points in the same category, while scoring above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for indicators related to raw material sourcing, human rights, labour practices, strategies for emerging markets, customer relationship management as well as risk and crisis management.

DJSI, which was launched in 1999, tracks the largest and leading sustainability-driven publicly listed companies and is a prominent global resource for investors. The DJSI Asia Pacific Index was launched in 2009 and evaluates 600 of the largest companies in key Asia Pacific markets and recognises the top 20 percent based on environmental, social and governance (ESG) indicators.

Manjit Jus, Global Head of ESG Research and Data for S&P Global, stated, "We congratulate Wilmar for being included in the DJSI Asia Pacific. A DJSI distinction is a reflection of being a sustainability leader in your industry. With a record number of companies participating in the 2020 Corporate Sustainability Assessment and more stringent rules for inclusion this year, this sets your company apart and rewards your continued commitment to people and planet."

Jeremy Goon, Chief Sustainability Officer for Wilmar said, "As a leading vertically integrated agriculture and food products company, we shoulder the responsibility of driving the transformation of our industry to be more sustainable. However, we must first demonstrate how we have embraced sustainability. Thus, we are honoured to be acknowledged by the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index for our milestones and efforts to fulfil our sustainability commitments".

"It has been a challenging year, riddled with unprecedented obstacles. Despite these circumstances, we ensured that our sustainability commitments remain our priority. Hence, to be recognised by various established platforms, including the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, is a significant milestone for us. It also assures us that we continue to progress in the right direction in relation to our sustainability commitments and efforts", he continued.

Wilmar was recently assessed to be among the top three companies globally by the Sustainability Policy Transparency Toolkit (SPOTT) by Zoological Society of London. Wilmar is also the only company among the three to be assessed by SPOTT for operations across various countries and regions.

The 2020 Corporate Human Rights Benchmark (CHRB), which was also released today, ranked Wilmar number one for the agriculture sector and number three across all industries in East Asia and Pacific, scoring a total of 18 out of 26 points. A total of 57 of the world largest agriculture products companies were assessed for the agriculture category, tallying the global industry average score at 10.3.

In October 2020, Wilmar achieved the highest scores in Asia and ranked top ten globally in the 2020 Benchmark Findings Report on the Food & Beverage sector published by KnowTheChain. The independent report evaluated 43 of the world's largest food and beverage companies based on policies and practices to address forced labour and human trafficking risks within supply chains. Wilmar scored 45 points out of 100, which was well above the global industry average of 28, while the highest global score was 65.

### **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 underpins our aspiration to make a positive impact and drive transformation across the palm oil industry.

For more information, please visit www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability.

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