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SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES INDONESIAN SUBSIDIARY LAUNCH

Third Party Certifier Poised to Serve Growing Indonesian Timber Market

June 25, 2011 - Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has announced the establishment of a new subsidiary to be headquartered in Jakarta in response to growing demand for certification and verification services from the Indonesian forest products industry. The subsidiary, PT Scientific Certification Systems Indonesia (PT-SCS) now offers Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management and Chain of Custody Certification in Indonesia.



Indonesian timber exports grew from \$7.3 billion in 2005 to \$9.7 billion in 2010, according to the European Union Delegation to Indonesia. A 2007 United Nations report estimated that up to 88% of timber logged in Indonesia was illegally sourced, putting timber importers at risk of unknowingly trafficking illegal timber. In order to improve industry performance, a number of initiatives are now seeking to increase independent third-party certification of forests and verification of timber legality.

FSC is the world's leading standard for voluntary forest management certification according to environmental, social and economic responsibility criteria. PT-SCS also offers LegalHarvest verification, and is in the process of becoming accredited to SVLK (Timber Legality Assurance System), the Indonesian national standard for legality that will become mandatory for all Indonesian wood products companies.

“Having a full-time presence in Indonesia will allow us to serve clients quickly and effectively,” said Dr. Robert Hrubec, Senior Vice President of SCS. “We are excited to expand into a market in which the added transparency of certification will have a large positive impact on a critical resource.”

Other services offered by SCS in Indonesia will include forest carbon offset verification. SCS verified Indonesia's first Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) project to the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS) in 2011. As the world mobilizes to fight climate change, Indonesia's carbon-rich forests play an important role.

Loy Jones has been appointed the Interim Director of PT SCS Indonesia. Mr. Jones is a professional forester with 16 years experience in FSC certification. PT SCS Indonesia has also employed Mr. Thesis Budiarto, also a professional forester, as the Indonesia Program Coordinator.

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has been providing global leadership in third-party sustainability and environmental certification, auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years. SCS programs span a wide range of industries including green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retailing and more.

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