

## **Asia Pulp and Paper's response to the report "APP's Performance in Meeting Its Social Responsibility Commitments"**

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*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Asia Pulp and Paper to respond to:*

- "APP's Performance in Meeting Its Social Responsibility Commitments", Forest Peoples Programme, Rainforest Action Network and others, 15 Jan 2015:  
[http://www.ran.org/constant\\_conflict\\_unresolved\\_land\\_disputes\\_still\\_haunt\\_asia\\_pulp\\_and\\_paper](http://www.ran.org/constant_conflict_unresolved_land_disputes_still_haunt_asia_pulp_and_paper)

*Asia Pulp and Paper responded with the following statement:*

"APP has long been committed to supporting the rights of communities in and around our operations and those of our suppliers. This commitment culminated in February 2013, with the launch of our Forest Conservation Policy (FCP) which includes a number of far-reaching social and community measures.

"Although there is much more to be done, we have had some early successes, such as our work with the community in Senyerang, which was recognised as a land conflict success story by the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict in Jakarta. We have also made agreements with all communities with tenure rights as part of the implementation of FPIC at the site of our new mill in OKI South Sumatra.

"Social issues have been incorporated into a specialist committee (the Social Issues Working Group) of APP's NGO stakeholder forum, the Solutions Working Group, of which RAN is a founder member.

"We welcome all feedback on the work we are doing with communities as well as the wider FCP. This report has been entered into our grievance procedure and will be fully investigated. In addition, the issues raised will be covered by the Rainforest Alliance in its upcoming evaluation report."

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