



## E-NEWSLETTER

SARAWAK OIL PALM PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### Chairman's Message



Dear SOPPOA Members,

I am pleased to say hello to the year 2018. It marks new beginnings, fresh starts and new chapters in our lives and in SOPPOA. In welcoming the New Year 2018, we wish everyone a joyous, peaceful and prosperous year. To say farewell to the year 2017, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the November – December 2017 edition of E-Newsletter and it will be emailed to our members accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Tiong Chiong Ong

Chairman, Sarawak Oil Palm Plantation Owners Association (SOPPOA)

Photos taken during the seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at RH. Hotel, Sibul, Sarawak



### MSPO Seminar

SOPPOA successfully organised a seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 entitled "Seminar on Reinforcing the Sustainability Awareness and Adoption of Sustainable Palm Oil Practices."

The objective of the seminar are as below;

- To highlight SOPPOA members and plantation companies in Sarawak on the significance of MSPO Certification Scheme.
- To brief all SOPPOA members regarding the process as well as preparation for MSPO Certification Scheme.
- To highlight specific issues related to MSPO certification by Certification Body for our members.

The following topics were presented;

- Keynote topic on Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme by Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC) Certification Scheme.
- Smallholders toward Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme by Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB).
- Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) from Certification Body views (SGS Malaysia).
- SIRIM – Issues and Challenges in Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification.
- Rimbanan Sawit Berhad (RSB) – Briefing on Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) experience.
- Experienced of Sarawak Oil Palm Berhad (SOPB) on Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification.

Over 140 participants from all over the State attended the seminar.

SOPPOA supports the mandatory compliance on MSPO certification in the country as this will add credibility and standard to the palm oil produced from Malaysia. This will demonstrate to the international markets that Sarawak is serious in practicing "Responsible Farming" and sustainable development of palm oil industry in the State. Therefore, this could also make it possible for Sarawak's palm oil to be labelled as sustainable, which will carry an important factor for the international markets where palm oil is traded.

### **SOPPOA Council Members meeting with the State Secretary 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

SOPPOA Council Members comprising Chairman, Mr. Tiong Chiong Ong, Treasurer, Mr. William Yii, Deputy Secretary, Mr Christopher Yek, Mr. Paul Wong, Mr. Lim Hong Hin and Mr Chua Kian Hong (MPOA Sarawak Chairman) paid a courtesy call on the State Secretary, YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Morshidi Bin Abdul Ghani at his office at Wisma Bapa Malaysia in Kuching on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The meeting was initiated by SOPPOA to seek the Secretary's views and guidance on the following issues relating to foreign workers in the plantation industry in Sarawak, namely:

1. Acute shortage of workers in the palm oil industry in Sarawak
2. Consideration for recruitment of workers from other countries
3. Setting up of One-stop centre and management system for recruitment of foreign workers
4. Extension of age limit for foreign workers
5. Setting up of Community Learning Centres in estates

Tan Sri Amar welcomed the delegation from SOPPOA and MPOA and informed that the state is aware of the pressing issues relating to workers in the plantation industry in Sarawak. He said that the state has to find the fine balance between economic needs and social factors with regards to foreign workers and also to safeguard the welfare of people in the state. He further added that the salary for Indonesian workers currently working in Indonesia is catching up with the salary paid in Malaysia and that the state is working to come up with a win-win solution to the issue of workers for the industry here. The secretary's office is awaiting a report from a recently concluded lab where multiple agencies and ministries of the state were involved in coming up with new proposals for the workers issues in Sarawak. He assured that once the report has been presented to his office a meeting will be called whereby SOPPOA will be invited to present views and ideas on the proposed changes to the hiring of foreign workers in the industry.

As a first step to assist the industry while waiting for the report and recommendations from the lab, the State Secretary proposes that the issue of age limit could be amended to extend the age from 50 to 55 for foreign workers in the industry if it does not need changes in the law. He further proposes that the limitation for foreign workers could be based on a 10-year permit for all as another option to speed up the hiring of workers. On the CLCs whereby the Indonesian Consulate is emphasizing for estates to provide, the State Secretary is aware of the issues relating to children of these foreign workers and he stated that as long as the children are twelve (12) years old and below, they are permitted to stay in the state during the duration of their parents' work here. He was also informed that those foreign workers who have children tend to stay longer with the estates if their children are able to attend these CLCs.

On the proposal for the One-stop centre, he said that pilot projects could be implemented for those plantation groups which are ready but emphasized that these companies must be responsible for workers who absconded as the current practices of reporting to the police and immigration is not effective in reducing these illegal workers. He also stated that when companies are issued with APs for hiring workers, there will be some issues related to agents involved in the process and could lead to cases of people trafficking issues if not handled properly. These are some of the issues that state wants to avoid with regards to foreign workers here he informed. SOPPOA also requested for the amnesty program implemented in peninsular Malaysia and Sabah to be implemented here but the State Secretary stated that the program had not met with much success when it was first mooted.

SOPPOA also highlighted that mechanization in Sarawak is possible but limited to certain areas where terrains are suitable. Nevertheless, machines will not be able to replace workers in many types of work like harvesting and hence the need for more workers as the area planted in Sarawak for oil palm is increasing yearly. SOPPOA's request for workers from other nations for the palm oil industry is being reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



Photos taken during the courtesy call on Sarawak State Secretary, YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Bin Abdul Ghani at 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wisma Bapa Malaysia (6<sup>th</sup> November 2017).

### Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia (KJRI)

SOPPOA Council Members, Managers attended the briefing at the Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia (KJRI), Kuching, Sarawak on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The briefing was led by a new ambassador, Pak Rusdi Kirana, who was concerned about the education and intend to provide access to education for all children of Indonesian migrant workers working in the estates of Sarawak.

The Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia, Kuching has informed oil palm plantation owners/ companies as well as Esteemed SOPPOA Members to cooperate to setup or build the Community Learning Centre (CLC) in the estates of Sarawak. Below are the criteria's to be considered for the establishment of CLCL.

- i.) Any estate which has 10 or more than 10 students who range the age between 6 - 12 years old should have one CLC. He was informed that the oil palm plantation owner/ company is responsible for set-up the building of CLC.
- ii.) The registration, procedure, and establishment of CLC should liaise with the Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia, Kuching.
- iii.) The Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia will provide the teachers of CLC, and the detail of registration, procedure, and the establishment of CLC as shown in the attachment.

The Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia, Kuching is serious to seek Oil Palm Plantation Owners as well as Esteemed SOPPOA Members commitment to this matter with replying or signing the Letter of Intent between The Consulate General of The Republic of Indonesia and Oil Palm Plantation Owners/ Esteemed SOPPOA Members/ Company on Cooperation in the Field of Education.

Photos taken during the KJRI briefing on the policy of education of Indonesia on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at KJRI, Kuching, Sarawak.



### HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2001

SOPPOA manager and several Human Resource Committee members attended the briefing of Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF) on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Tuesday) at Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak.

The briefing was organized by Sarawak HRDF to highlight the amendment of the PSMB Act 2017 which was enforced this year in 2017.

This is also to assist in the up-skilling of employees in line with workforce transformation initiatives under the New Economic Model (NEM), to inculcate training culture among employers and promote continuous retraining, and to enhance employees' skills, knowledge and performance in technical, innovation, leadership and HR fields.

<< Photos taken during the HRDF briefing on the Human Resource Development Act 2001 at Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## Discussion Session between Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) and Sarawak Oil Palm Plantation Owners Association (SOPPOA), 2017

The discussion session between MPIC and SOPPOA was held at *Bilik Mesyuarat Bahagian Penggalakkan Inovasi Modal Insan Industri, Aras 6, MPIC, Putrajaya* on 17th November 2017 @ 10.30am. The discussion session was attended by Divisional Secretary, Mr. Mohamad Mahil Ahmad, Chief Vice Secretary, Mr. Chyairreil Annwar, Vice Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Aufar Misbahudin of Bahagian Penggalakan Inovasi dan Modal Insan Industri (MPIC), Chief Vice Secretary, Mr. Shahabuddin Abu Bakar, Vice Secretary, Mr. Satish Sreenivasan of Bahagian Dasar Perburuhan, Kementerian Sumber Manusia (KSM), Chief Vice Secretary, Mr. Azraai Zainuddin of Bahagian Pengurusan Pekerja Asing, Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN), Liaison Officer, Miss Norlia Jawor of Bahagian Pekerja Asing, Jabatan Tenaga Kerja Semenanjung Malaysia (JTKSM), SOPPOA Council Member – Treasurer, Mr. William Yii Hee Poh and SOPPOA manager, Mr. Donny Dhwie.

Divisional Secretary of MPIC, Mr. Mohamad Mahil Ahmad welcomed everyone as well as the delegation from SOPPOA for attending the MPIC – SOPPOA discussion pertaining the Labour Shortage in the Palm Oil Industry in Sarawak.

### Addressing Labour Shortage in the Palm Oil Industry in Sarawak.

Manager of SOPPOA, Mr. Donny Dhwie presented and explained the labour shortage in the palm oil industry in Sarawak on the following issues as listed below;

- 1.) Acute shortage of workers in the palm oil industry in Sarawak.
- 2.) Consideration for recruitment of workers from other countries.
- 3.) Legalization and rehiring of Illegal Foreign Workers Program for the Sarawak Plantation Sector.
- 4.) Setting up of One-Stop Centre and management system for recruitment of foreign workers
- 5.) Extension of age limit for foreign workers
- 6.) Setting up of Community Learning Centres in estates in Sarawak.

In addressing labour shortage in the palm oil industry in Sarawak with regard to the six (6) points above mentioned, the MPIC, JTK, HRD and Immigration of Federal Government advised SOPPOA to bring up the matter and discuss with the Immigration Department, HRD, JTK, State Secretary and YAB Chief Minister of Sarawak.

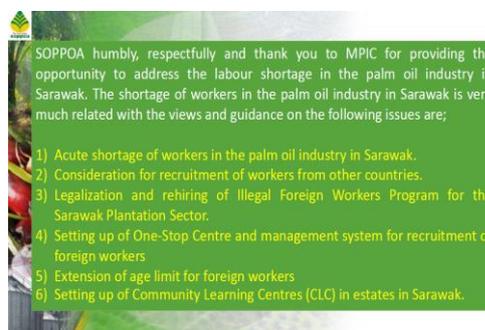


Photo on the left above taken before the discussion session and photo right was a slide presented during the discussion with the **Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC)** at *Bilik Mesyuarat Bahagian Penggalakkan Inovasi Modal Insan Industri, Aras 6, MPIC, Putrajaya* on 17th November 2017 @ 10.30am.

### SOPPOA R&D Committee Meeting

The MPOB/ SOPPOA R&D Collaboration Studies meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at Meeting Room, Sibul Divisional Department of Agricultural, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wisman Sanyan, Jalan Sukan, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak.

The agenda of the meeting are as follows;

- welcome remarks by Chairman.
- Confirmation of minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> MPOB and SOPPOA meeting on R&D in Sarawak.
- Matters arising from 5<sup>th</sup> MPOB and SOPPOA Meeting on R&D in Sarawak.
- Progress on research activities.
- Formation of the Technical Committee
- Other matters.



Photos taken during the MPOB/ SOPPOA R&D Collaboration Studies meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at Meeting Room, Sibu Divisional Department of Agricultural, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wisman Sanyan, Jalan Sukan, 96000 Sibu, Sarawak.

### **NREB Dialogue Session, 2017**

SOPPOA has invited to attend the NREB dialogue session on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Meeting Room, Menara Pelita, Petra Jaya, Kuching. The dialogue session was related in finalizing the newly drafted Natural Resources and Environment) Prescribed Activities) Order, 2017. It is important before the NREB proceed with the implementation of the order in Sarawak.

Photo taken during the NREB Dialogue Session, 2017 at 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Meeting Room, Menara Pelita, Petra Jaya, Kuching on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. >>



### **40<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for the term of 2017/2019**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for the term 2017/2019 was held at SOPPOA Meeting Room on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the following agenda;

- To confirm minutes of 39<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
- Matters arising.
- SOPPOA's Financial Statements for period ended October 2017.
- To discuss on updated of SOPPOA's activities.
- To discuss on the discussion notes of SOPPOA Council Members courtesy call on YAB Chief Minister of Sarawak.
- Any other matters.

Photos taken during the 40<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting at SOPPOA Meeting Room on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. >>



**SOPPOA Council Members Courtesy Call on YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Chief Minister of Sarawak, 2017**

SOPPOA Council Members made a courtesy call on YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Chief Minister of Sarawak at 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Kuching on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The purpose of courtesy call on YAB Datuk Patinggi, Chief Minister of Sarawak was to address crucial issues to palm oil industry in Sarawak such as international market, labor shortage, process for foreign workers AP, low yield, installation of biogas trapping, methane avoidance facilities and future development of palm oil industry in Sarawak. The content of discussion notes of courtesy call on YAB, Chief Minister of Sarawak as follow;

**1. International Market**

- i. Issues related to sustainability, deforestation, no peat planting posing a major challenge in market
- ii. EFSA's (European Food Safety Agency) report highlighted the higher contaminants, 3-MCPD and glycidyl esters (GE) in palm oil leads to cancer, creating health concerns about palm oil
- iii. Using orang-utan as icon figure on loss of habitat and deforestation resulting from oil palm cultivation

Proposals to counter these issues affecting market access of palm oil in market:

- i. A clear land use policy statement by state to allay fear and attack on deforestation, destruction of habitat due to planting of oil palm.
- ii. State to formulate campaigns that educate, inform and promote the sound management policies on conservation and related sustainability efforts of forests, habitats in Sarawak targeting overseas markets together with SOPPOA.
- iii. State makes a stance and push on MSPO adoption for the palm oil industry in Sarawak which is inclusive of smallholders and larger estates as part of sustainability and conservation commitment by state government, vis-à-vis the federal government.
- iv. Currently, MPOB, private sector are working on various fronts to reduce or eliminate these contaminants in palm oil.

**2. Labor shortage**

Planted area	:	1.5million ha (December 2016)
Workers required (1:7)	:	215,252 (harvesters, collectors, loaders, maintenance & general workers)
Registered workers	:	84,034
Shortage/casual workers/local	:	131,218
Projected loss	:	RM900 mil /year (1 tonne per ha FFB unharvested @ RM600 /tonne X 1.5m ha) RM50 mil/year to state (5% sales tax)

Proposals to alleviate labor shortage:

- i. Recruitment of workers from other nationalities
- ii. Legalizing & rehiring of illegal foreign workers – amnesty period given to identify, register illegal workers for rehiring
- iii. Extension of applicant's age limit – from 45 to 55 years, maximum period of employment to 10 years.

**3. Approval process for foreign workers AP**

- i. Current process time consuming, inefficient, costly
- ii. Multiple agencies involved, tedious process, minimum time 5 months required and high costs

Proposal to reduce processing time for AP

- i. One-stop centre and management system for recruitment of foreign workers.
- ii. Putting responsibility of monitoring of workers on plantation companies by issuing Group AP, monitoring and monthly report made to Labor Department by companies

**4. Low yield (oil per ha)**

- i. Poor fruit sets in particular peatland estates along coastal region of Sarawak
- ii. Pest and diseases such as bagworms, termites and Ganoderma which adversely affecting yields
- iii. Nutrient balance challenges for marginal soils

Proposals to counter these problems:

- i. Request for allocation of annual grant from state government to be given to SOPPOA for R&D to address palm oil related issues that are unique to Sarawak
- ii. Private sector, State agencies to jointly undertake R&D studies on issues pertaining to oil palms
- iii. Expand collaborative studies with institutions of higher learnings in state to study diseases and find countermeasures for them with the fund

**5. Installation of biogas trapping, methane avoidance facilities**

- i. MPOB mandatory directive for all new palm oil mills to include biogas trapping facilities for licensing approval
- ii. High cost which cannot be recouped as excess power generated is mostly flared off;
- iii. No off-takers for feed-in-tariff agreements in place

Proposal:

- i. Government to assist in building infrastructures to feed-into main grid to supply electricity to Sarawak Energy

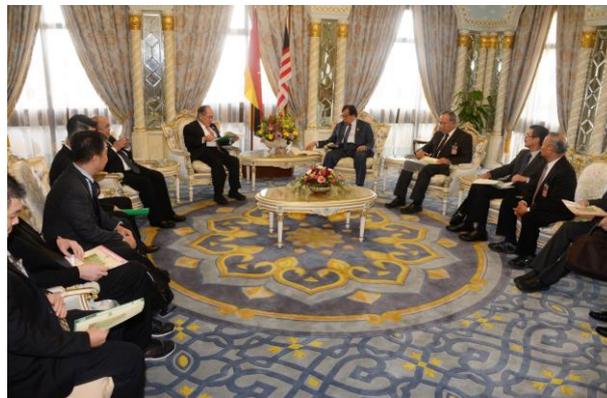
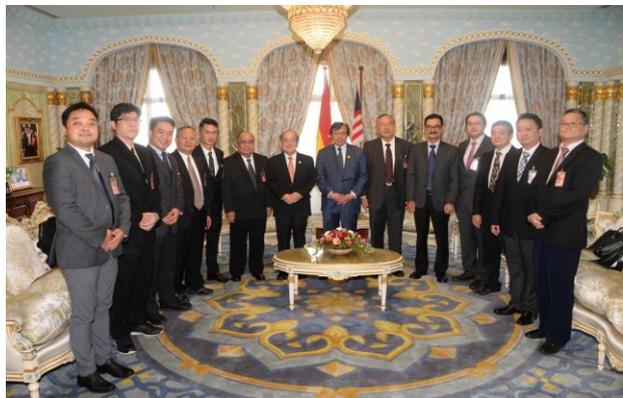
**6. Future development of palm oil industry in Sarawak**

- i. Enhancing ports facilities, logistics and bulking facilities at major ports to further strengthen international trade.
- ii. Policy to promote downstream activities in Sarawak to value add the supply chain and provide employment

Proposal for state Taskforce Committee for palm oil industry:

- i. To set up collaborative Taskforce Committee between state government and SOPPOA to jointly formulate way forward to develop the industry, and
- ii. Discuss issues relating to the industry before state / federal government implement any policy affecting the industry

**Photos taken during the courtesy call on YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Chief Minister of Sarawak on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**



**National Committee (NC) Meeting on 3-MCPD and GE Grant Bil.2/2017**

SOPPOA manager attended the National Committee (NC) meeting at Bilik Mesyuarat Nyatoh, Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi (MPIC), Aras 11, Presint 2, Putrajaya on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The meeting was chaired by Secretary General, Datuk K. Yogeesvaran, Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi, attended by Deputy Secretary General of MPIC, Mdm. Zurinah Pawanteh, Dr. Sugumari A/P S.Shanmugam, SUBK BISS, MPIC, Dr. Ahmad Parveez Hj. Ghulam Khadir, Deputy Director General, Lembaga Minyak Sawit Malaysia (MPOB), Ms Belvinder Kaur Sron, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Majlis Minyak Sawit Malaysia (MPOC), Mr. Tan Beng Huat, Director Marketing and Promotion, Persatuan Minyak Sawit Malaysia (MPOA), Mr. Teoh Beng Chuan, CEO, The Palm OIL Refiners Association of Malaysia (PORAM), Mr. Wee You Liang, The Federation of Palm Oil Millers Association of Malaysia (POMA) and Mr. Donny Dhwie, Manager of Sarawak Oil Palm Plantation Owners Association (SOPPOA).

Datuk K. Yogeesvaran, Secretary General of Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) welcomed everyone to the National Committee (NC) on 3-MCPD and GE Grant Bil.2/2017 meeting.

**Secretary General of MPIC highlighted the issue on safety and quality of palm oil products.**

The Secretary General of MPIC informed the Malaysian Government through the MPIC has allocated special funds in 2017 to adopt the process or technology improvements towards enhancing the safety and quality of palm oil products. The funding is specially aimed at addressing and reducing or eliminating the higher occurrence of 3-monochloropropane-1, 2-diol esters (3-MCPDE) and glycidyl esters (GE) in palm oil and products. Commercial trials will be conducted towards establishing the optimal limit of 3-MCPDE in refined palm oil. The outcome of the studies will allow the industry to adopt appropriate technologies to reduce or eliminate 3-MCPDE and GE.

The objective of the establishment of National Committee (NC) is to approve the applications for the research grant allocated by the Malaysian Government and subsequently establish the maximum limit of 3-MCPDE in palm oil. The grant is only applicable to palm mills and refineries with the aim to reduce/eliminate the formation of 3-MCPDE and GE in refined palm oil products.

The functions of National Committee (NC) on 3-MCPDE and Ge are as follows;

- i.) To evaluate project proposals by the Technical Committee; and
- ii.) To recommended to YB Minister for approval.

Tabulated below is a current status and mitigation approaches implemented by the National Committee with regard to reducing the level of 3-MCPDE & GE in palm oil industry.

**Table 1: Current status & Mitigation Approaches toward 3-MCPDE and GE**

Current Status	Mitigation Approaches	
In general  3-MCPDE (5 - 6 ppm) GE (7 - 8 ppm)  Reduce   3-MCPDE and GE Propose to reduce to the level accepted by all parties	Plantations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce chlorine in FFB by changing fertilisers</li> <li>• Reduce DAG in PO by ensuring milling within 48 hours</li> </ul>
	Mills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash FFB to remove chlorine precursor</li> <li>• FFB sterilisation with steam without chlorine</li> <li>• Wash fresh CPO with slightly alkaline water</li> </ul>
	Refineries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use natural bleaching earth</li> <li>• Lower deodorization temperature to less 230°C</li> </ul>

The MPIC has approved Research Grant for the first group comprises of 5 mills and 3 refineries namely as follows;

**Table 2: Approved Research Grant – First Group**

Sector	Technology Provider	Company	Location	Approved Grant
Mills (5 mills)	GEA Westfalia (Germany)	1.) IOI Corporation, Pamol Sabah	Sandakan, Sabah	RM 0.8 million
	Lipochem/MPOB (Malaysia)	1.) Kim Loong Palm Oil Mill Sdn Bhd 2.) Gan Teng Siew Realty Sdn Bhd, Kilang Sawit Ulu Kachong	Kota Tinggi, Johor Rantau, Negeri Sembilan	RM 2.4 million RM 1.5 million
	Alfa Laval (Sweden)	1.) Felda Global Venture Holding, Kilang Sawit Embara Budi 2.) Sime Darby Research Berhad, Kilang Sawit Tennamaran	Lahad Datu, Sabah Pulau Carey, Selangor	RM 0.8 million RM 1.2 million
Refineries (3 refineries)	<b>Lipochem/MPOB (Malaysia)</b>	<b>1.) Sime Darby Austral Edible Oils Sdn Bhd</b>	<b>Bintulu, Sarawak</b>	<b>RM 3 million</b>
	Desmet Ballestra (Belgium)	1.) Felda Global Venture Holding Berhad, Sahabat Oil Products	Lahad Datu, Sabah	RM 3 million
	<b>Sumwin (Malaysia)</b>	<b>1.) SOP Edible Oils Sdn Bhd</b>	<b>Bintulu, Sarawak</b>	<b>RM 3 million</b>
<b>Total Grant</b>				<b>RM 15.7 million</b>

**Table 3: Recommended Research Grant – Second Group**

Sector	Technology Provider	Company	Location	Approved Grant
Mills	GEA Westfalia (Germany)	1.) Genting Plantations Berhad, Genting Indah Oil Mill	Kinabatangan, Sabah	RM 1 million
		2.) Tradewins Plantation Berhad, Permai Palm Oil Mill	Lahad Datu, Sabah	RM 0.6 million
	Lipochem/MPOB (Malaysia)	1.) Classic Palm Oil Mill Sdn Bhd	Gemas, Negeri Sembilan	RM 3 million
		2.) JCC Group, Carotino Sdn Bhd, Carotino Palm Oil Mill	Maran, Pahang	RM 1.022 million
	Alfa Laval (Sweden)	1.) IJM Edible Oils Sdn Bhd, Desa Talisai Palm Oil Mill	Sandakan, Sabah	RM 0.675 million
		2.) Boustead Plantation Berhad, TRP Palm Oil Mill	Terong, Perak	RM 0.675 million
<b>3.) Unique Palm Oil Mill Sdn Bhd</b>		<b>Sibu, Sarawak</b>	<b>RM 0.625 million</b>	
4.) United Malacca Berhad, Bukit Senorang Palm Oil Mill		Kemayan Pahang	RM 0.675 million	
5.) Lenga Palm Oil Industries Sdn Bhd	Tangkak, Johor	RM 0.797 million		
<b>6.) Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd, Lambir Oil Mill</b>	<b>Miri, Sarawak</b>	<b>RM 0.8 million</b>		
Refineries	Lipochem/MPOB (Malaysia)	1.) KLK Premier Oils Sdn Bhd	Lahad Datu, Sabah	RM 5 million
	Alfa Laval (Sweden)	1.) IOI Edible Oils Sdn Bhd	Sandakan, Sabah	RM 2.2 million
<b>Total Grant</b>				<b>RM 17.069 million</b>

**Table 4: Application for the Research Grant from Mills - Sarawak**

Company/ Date Submission/ Equity	Technology Provider/ Summary of Technology	Preliminary Results	Capex	Recommended Grant	Recommended and Justification
Unique Palm Oil Mill Sdn Bhd, Sibu, Sarawak. Date submission: 17.7.2017 Equity: Local (100%)	Alfa Laval, CPO Washing at the mill using 5 to 10% water	Removal of 80 to 90% of total CI Upon installation of water treatment system	RM 1.25 million (excluding water treatment system)	RM 0.625 million	Location: East Malaysia Installation: CPO washing plant, capacity: 60 tonne FFB h <sup>-1</sup> , 85% of FFB is sourced from peat soil estates while 15% is mineral soil estates.
Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd, Lambir Palm Oil Mill, Miri, Sarawak Date Submission: 27.7.2017 Equity: Local (100%)	Alfa Laval, CPO Washing at the mill using 5 to 10% water	Removal of 80 to 90% of total CI Upon installation of water treatment system	RM 1.6 million (excluding water treatment system)	RM 0.8 million	Location: East Malaysia Installation: CPO washing plant, capacity: 120 tonne FFB h <sup>-1</sup> Mill located in Mukah is preferred as compared to Miri counterparts. As their refinery adopts Sumwin technology therefore they have requested to check the whole supply chain.

Photos taken during the meeting of National Committee (NC) on 3-MCPD and GE Bil.2/2017 was held at Bilik Mesyuarat Nyatoh, Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi (MPIC), Aras 11, Presint 2, Putrajaya on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### SOPPOA ORGANIZATION FOR TERM 2017/2019 COUNCIL

Based on current constitution

#### SOPPOA Representatives

1. MPOB : David Tiong/ Paul Wong
2. MPOC : Paul Wong (through MPOA)
3. MPOCC : Request pending
4. SBF : David Tiong
5. MEOA : David Tiong/ Shannon Yii
6. MPOB (MSPO) : Galau Melayong/ Shannon Yii
7. MPOB (1 COPM) :
8. MPOB (R&D Steering Committee) : Kon Tian Woei
9. RSPO : Shannon Yii/ David Tiong

#### Executive Committee

Chairman: Tiong Chiong Ong  
 1<sup>st</sup> VC: Dato' Sri Law Kiu Kiong  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Polit Bin Hamzah  
 Secretary: Dato' Ha Tiung Noon  
 Treasurer: William Yii Hee Poh



#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. **Chairman:** Tiong Chiong Ong
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman:** Dato' Sri Law Kiu Kiong
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman:** Polit Bin Hamzah
4. **Secretary:** Dato' Ha Tiung Noon
5. **Deputy Secretary:** Christopher Yek
6. **Treasurer:** William Yii Hee Poh
7. **Deputy Treasurer:** Daniel Ding Huong Chen

#### WORKING COMMITTEES

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