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BY FAX / EMAIL

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Dear Mr Gunneberg,

Application for Re-endorsement of Revised Standard for Forest Plantation Management Certification, MC&I Forest Plantation.v2

With reference to the above matter, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) hereby submits application to PEFC for the endorsement of the MC&I Forest Plantation.v2, which shall replace the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification (Forest Plantations)* [MC&I(Forest Plantations)] as the standard for the certification of forest plantations under the MTCS.

2. The MC&I Forest Plantation.v2 is the outcome of the review of the MC&I(Forest Plantations) in line with the requirements of the PEFC ST 1001:2010 Standard Setting – Requirements. The MC&I Forest Plantation.v2 had been adopted as the new forest plantation management certification standard under the MTCS by the MTCC Board of Trustees at its Sixty-First Meeting held on 18 December 2014.
3. For the purpose of endorsement of the MC&I Forest Plantation.v2, we attached herewith the duly completed documentation as follows:
 - i. Annex 1: Part I - Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Standard Setting (PEFC ST 1001:2010)
 - ii. Annex 2: Part III: Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Sustainable Forest Management (PEFC ST 1003:2010)
 - iii. Annex 3: Report on Review of MC&I(Forest Plantations) & Development of MC&I Forest Plantation.v2
 - iv. Annex 4: Summary of changes in the MC&I Forest Plantation.v2
4. As you are aware, the endorsement of the current MC&I(Forest Plantations) has been extended and will be valid up to 30 June 2015. In this connection, it is important that the endorsement process of the MC&I Forest Plantation.v2 could be completed by June 2015. Taking into account the need for conducting outreach and training on the use of the revised standard, and bearing in mind the expiry of endorsement of the current standard [MC&I(Forest Plantations)], MTCC has set the **Application Date** for the use of the new standard as **1 July 2015**. The **Transition Date** for the mandatory use of MC&I Forest Plantation.v2 under the MTCS is set on **1 January 2016**, 12 months after the adoption of the standard.

5. We are very much hopeful for a successful endorsement process, prior to the expiry of the current MC&I(Forest Plantations) standard. We would be pleased to provide any further information and clarification to the PEFC Council in connection with this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Yong Teng Koon', written in a cursive style.

YONG TENG KOON
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures: