

JT Oil Palm Development Sdn Bhd and GenPower Carbon Solutions L.P to sign agreement on Biogas CDM Project

Sibu, 12 May, 2011 – JT Oil Palm Development Sdn Bhd (JTOP), a wholly owned subsidiary of Jaya Tiasa Holdings Bhd (JTH) have today inaugurated its first Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project by signing a biogas CDM project agreement (Agreement) with GenPower Carbon Solutions L.P. (GPCS).

This project is part of the commitment of both companies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create clean and renewable energy.

Under the Agreement, JTOP will provide the "site" at JTOP Crude Palm Oil (CPO) mill located at Pulau Bruit and GPCS will develop a concrete tank bio-digester system at the "site". GPCS will invest in the equipment to trap and monitor greenhouse gas emissions generated from anaerobic digestion of the effluent. The trapped gas will be supplied to the CPO mill as clean and renewable fuel for energy generation. GPCS will undertake the responsibility to qualify the project under CDM requirements and to verify and market the carbon credits. This project will lead to a reduction of approximately 540,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions over the 10-year duration.

JTH Group Managing Director, Dato' Sri Tiong Chiong Hoo says JTH views this collaboration as another positive initiative to a greener environment.

"We have always undertaken to carry out renewable and sustainable environmental-friendly best practices and are therefore excited to embark on yet another green project. We are aiming for maximum carbon neutral sustainable palm oil products.

The earnest to qualify our very first CPO mill under CDM requirements clearly demonstrates JTH commitment to this undertaking.

This is also in line with our Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak's pledge made in Copenhagen in December 2009 to commit Malaysia's reduction of 40% in carbon intensity by the year 2020"

JTOP CPO mill at Pulau Buit is the first of the Group's CPO mills being constructed. The construction was completed in March 2009 with an initial processing capacity of 45 metric tonnes (MT) per hour of fresh fruit bunches (FFB). However, to support the higher crop levels from the surrounding plantations owned by the Group, the mill is currently under expansion to increase the FFB processing capacity to 90 MT per hour. This expansion project is expected to be completed in October 2011. A composting plant to be erected nearby is in the design stage and will be in operation in 2012. This is another carbon management project to reduce methane emission by converting waste to wealth and at the same time conserve the environment.

"GPCS is committed in supporting efforts to reduce carbon intensity in the palm oil industry by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and developing renewable energy sources. GPCS has launched multiple industry wide Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) programs for trapping biogas and facilitating use of biomass as a fuel in Malaysia and Indonesia" stated Mr. Guillermo Espiga, CEO, GPCS.

About JTH

JTH is a public-listed company on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad with a Group annual turnover of over 800 million Ringgit.

The Group is a leading fully-integrated timber producer in Malaysia with access to 1.76 million acres of timber concessions in Sarawak and a major oil palm plantation developer with a total land bank size of 83,483 hectares (ha) in Sarawak.

While manufacturing and distribution of a wide range of high quality timber products are its principal activities, oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil milling will be fast taking over.

The oil palm division is expected to contribute to about 30% of the Group's revenue for the Financial Year 2011.

As at 31 March 2011, the Group had a total planted area of 54,457 ha, of which 25,058 ha had already matured. Production of FFB grew by 98.6% from that registered in the last financial year.

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About GPCS

GPCS is a worldwide developer of carbon credit projects with a focus on methane avoidance in the agricultural sector, landfills, and coal mines, biomass to energy, fuel switching, and energy efficiency. GPCS Southeast Asia regional headquarters is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. GPCS' capabilities include direct investment in projects, project development and operating expertise, CDM process capabilities, and producing, acquiring and marketing CERs through direct investment or Emission Reduction Purchase Agreements (ERPAs). GPCS' is owned by First Reserve, the world's leading energy-focused private equity fund with over 25 years of experience and over \$18 billion in assets under management.

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