

DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCEDURE FOR PROPOSED PROJECT - FOREST PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT COVERING AN AREA OF 500 HECTARES OR MORE

Dear Sir/ Madam,

1. Kindly be informed that, starting from 2nd May 2014, “**forest plantation development covering an area of 500 hectares or more**”, which is associated with prescribed activity “**6(c) Logging covering an area of 500 hectares or more**”, under the Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 1987, is subject to **Detailed Environmental Impact (DEIA) Procedure**.
2. “Forest plantation” is defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines For Forestry, DOE as:-

“Plantation Forest or Ladang Hutan in Bahasa Malaysia is man made plantation of certain species of trees capable of yielding high volume of wood per unit area in a shorter period of time for commercial purposes. Examples are *Pinus spp, Araucaria spp., Acacia mangium* and *Tectona grandis* (teak)”.

Forest plantation also includes the plantation of certain rubber tree species - *Timber Latex Clone* capable of producing latex and wood.
3. The EIA study for proposed “forest plantation development covering an area of 500 hectares or more” shall include the following components:-
 - a. land clearing - timber extraction, clearing of vegetation, disposal of debris;
 - b. land preparation - construction of roads and bridges, installation of drainage and culverts, terracing, nursery establishment;
 - c. crop establishment - preparation of planting holes, planting of crop, planting of covercrops e.g. legume;
 - d. crop management - manuring/fertilizing, weed control, pest control.

Thank you,

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