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TO
THE FORESTS DIALOGUE PEKANBARU, 7 MARCH 2007

SOCIAL CONDITIONS FOR RIAU’S PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE AFTER THE PROVINCE’S FORESTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED
The Control of Land in Riau

Locations of (minority) Indigenous Communities in Riau

PRIVATE SECTOR 67 % (Logging concessions, Industrial timber estates, Plantations, Mining)

PROTECTED AREAS 23 % (Protection Forest, Conservation Forest)

Room for People's Livelihoods? Only 10 %

The Indication of Land Use Planning in Riau (10th Local Plan 1994)
A Portrait of Social Conflict
THE STATE OF LOCAL ECONOMIES

- LAND AS A MEANS OF MAKING A LIVING
- LAND TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES/PROTECTION/CONSERVATION
THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

- BADLY DAMAGED FORESTS
- ECOLOGICAL DISASTERS
- CONFLICT BETWEEN WILDLIFE AND COMMUNITIES
TAKING CONTROL OVER LAND

- EXPROPRIATING COMMUNITIES’ RIGHTS
- COLLUSION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- NO CLARITY OVER SPACE FOR PEOPLE’S LIVELIHOODS
THE IMPACTS OF FOREST DESTRUCTION AND EXTENDED CONTROL OVER LAND

- MORE POVERTY
- NO FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR PEOPLE ABOUT THE CROPS THEY CULTIVATE
- MORE CONFLICTS OVER LAND
- ECOLOGICAL DISASTERS
- GREATER BURDEN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- INCREASED COSTS OF HOUSING AND FURNITURE FOR COMMUNITIES
CONCLUSIONS

ECONOMY --- POVERTY IN FOREST COMMUNITIES

SOCIETIES --- LONG-TERM LAND DISPUTES

ECOLOGY --- FLOODS, DROUGHTS, SMOKE FROM FOREST FIRES

FUTURE COSTS OF RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETIES AND ECONOMIES WILL BE AN INCREASING BURDEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS

TO THE GOVERNMENT:
● STOP THE CONVERSION OF RIAU’S NATURAL FORESTS NOW
● ACKNOWLEDGE LOCAL AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ RIGHTS

TO COMPANIES:
● STOP USING TIMBER FROM NATURAL FORESTS FOR RIAU’S PULP INDUSTRY NOW
● STOP THE USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST COMMUNITIES IN SETTLING CONFLICTS NOW
● RETURN LAND TO COMMUNITIES
● TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COSTS OF RESTORING ENVIRONMENTS, SOCIETIES AND ECONOMIES IN RIAU

TO CREDITORS AND BUYERS:
● SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ECOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY PARTNER COMPANIES IN RIAU.
● MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH CONDITIONALITIES THAT PARTNERS MUST NOT USE TIMBER FROM NATURAL FORESTS, RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER COMMUNITIES’ RIGHTS OR VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS.
● SET ASIDE SOME PROFITS FOR RESTORATION COSTS.
THANK YOU

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