

# **FGV Fully Supports Sabah State Government's Efforts to Contain COVID-19 in Wilayah Sahabat**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 20 APRIL 2020:** FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) refers to a media statement dated 18 April 2020 issued by Lahad Datu OCPD that PDRM is enforcing Restricted Movement Control Order (RMCO) on Wilayah Sahabat following positive COVID-19 cases in the area.

FGV wishes to confirm that **none** of its employees in Wilayah Sahabat, Lahad Datu has tested positive for the COVID-19. It reaffirms that the safety, health and wellbeing of its employees and workers are its utmost priority, and it will continue to be vigilant in its efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the outbreak, FGV had established a COVID-19 Task Force Committee and implemented a number of preventive measures across all of its operations. Amidst the latest announcement of Lahad Datu district as red zone area, FGV has taken several proactive measures in Wilayah Sahabat in line with the Health Ministry's guidelines.

All movements within FGV's Wilayah Sahabat operations are strictly controlled and monitored. FGV is working closely with PDRM and has utilised FGV's Auxiliary Police teams to ensure strict compliance with the state government's movement control order.

FGV's Sahabat region has a total area of 115,432 hectares of plantation, comprising seven mills and 48 estates. FGV has voluntarily ceased the operations of five mills in the area

At two of the five mills, four employees are quarantined as persons under investigation (PUI). The other three mills have been closed as a precautionary measure due to their proximity to the affected FELDA operations.

FGV is giving full cooperation to the Health Ministry and has immediately advised its employees and their family members to undergo tests if they had been in close contact with any positive COVID-19 patients in the past 14 days particularly in Wilayah Sahabat.

FGV is fully committed to supporting the Sabah State Government's efforts to contain the pandemic by adhering to "radical and robust guidelines and SOPs" at all of its estates and mills to ensure that the risks to the safety and health of all employees are minimised.

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