FGV in Support of MPOA and MEOA Concerns Over the Closure of Oil Palm Operations in Three Additional Districts in Sabah

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FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) supports concerns raised by the Malaysian Palm Oil Association (MPOA) and the Malaysian Estate Owners Association (MEOA) over a decision announced by the Sabah State Government to close oil palm operations in three additional districts in the state until April 14.

Closing operations in the three additional districts constituted 65 per cent of the total 1.2 million hectares of cropland and 75 per cent of production in Sabah.

FGV understands the State Government's concerns on the increasing COVID-19 in Sabah but at the same time, we are concerned about the social impact of the closure. In line with the announcement of the Prime Minister recognising the palm oil industry as an essential service, all operations related to the palm oil industry need to be continued to avoid worse financial and social implications.

FGV also takes into account the welfare of 871 families in Felda Sahabat and 776 families in FELDA Umas, whose income will be affected as a result of the closure.

FGV hopes that the Sabah State Government will deliberate MPOA's views and reconsider the decision. FGV has committed to adhering to all standard operating procedure and guidelines in all FGV estates and mills since the Movement Control Order was implemented on March 18 and is continues to working closely with all stakeholders to ensure that the risks to the safety and health of all employees are minimised.

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