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Bruno Manser Fonds (BMF) and The Borneo Project Rehash Old Allegations

22 November 2023, Miri Sarawak – We refer to the 77-page report jointly released by Bruno Manser Fonds and The Borneo Project, purportedly outlining the many sins and offences that Samling Group has committed in the Forest Management Units under its stable.

By selling it as an exhaustive 77-page report, BMF and The Borneo Project would appear to want to give the impression that Samling blatantly and continuously violates the conditions and terms of its FMU certifications issued by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council.

Let us make it clear from the outset that the so-called transgressions listed in the report are recycled and repeated allegations that BMF and The Borneo Project have dredged from years past, and to which Samling has issued repeated denials and put forth evidence and explanations of the true situation on the ground.

We do not believe that we are beholden to respond to the “newest” report from BMF and The Borneo Project as we have time and again explained our position on these allegations that are rehashed from time to time simply as an attempt to smear our reputation.

Our responses are archived on our website and we hope that anyone who wishes to know our side of the allegations will take the time to read and understand the complexity of the situation in Sarawak’s forests before throwing about unjustified and empty allegations.

On our part, Samling is fully committed to the adherence of all terms and conditions of our FMU licences and our work within the communities of the areas under our management will continue irrespective of the attempts by foreign NGOs to continuously undermine our efforts.

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