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PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper  
Riau  
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Dear Sir

## **Please respect indigenous peoples' rights in the Kampar Peninsular**

Greetings from Friends of the Earth Malaysia (FoE Malaysia). We are a grassroots, community-focused non-governmental organisation championing environment and development issues at national and international levels.

It has come to our attention that the Teluk Meranti community has rejected RAPP's plans to develop Acacia pulpwood plantations that will impact the community's customary and ancestral rights on the Kampar Peninsular.

We understand that in a letter dated 20.06.2009 to your office, the Teluk Meranti community stated that it has used and managed its customary forests on the Kampar Peninsular since long before Indonesia achieved independence. The community also rejects RAPP's presence on its territory. Any development of plantations on their lands will seriously impact their lives and livelihoods.

We also understand that sometime in March 2007, the then Director of RAPP, Mr Rudi Fajar, had informed an international meeting in Riau organized by The Forest Dialogue, that RAPP will respect the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in establishing new plantation areas and resolving land conflicts with communities.

The Teluk Meranti community must be given the right to reject any planned development that would affect their customary lands. This is in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We hope that your office will respect the decision of the Teluk Meranti community and urge you to implement procedures in line with the principle of FPIC within your company.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

S.M. Mohamed Idris  
President

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