



**Notification of RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of ALESPALMA S.A. – Ricaurte – San Lorenzo – Mill, Ecuador**  
**Parent Company: HOLDING PALMACA C.A**  
**RSPO Membership: 1-0510-25-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

**ALESPALMA S.A.** of Ecuador has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Initial Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply basin located Republic of Ecuador, Canton San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and two Palm Oil Production Blocks.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Initial Certification of **ALESPALMA S.A.** mill from **June 08-12, 2026**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2024 including Supply Chain requirement for mills)

**ALESPALMA S.A** located in Canton San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Holding Palmaca C.A. is a company with its main headquarters in Quito. It operates in the business management sector. The company was founded on December 29, 2014. It has a subsidiary, Alespalma, dedicated to the production of crude palm oil, with its oil palm plantation and oil mill. Currently HOLDINGPALMACA C.A. has a management unit called ALESPALMA S.A., which is divided in: a) San Lorenzo Plantation, b) Ricaurte Plantation and c) Oil Mill. The company has a supply base, consisting of its own plantation, as well as third party, non-certified suppliers. The oil mill, located in Canton San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador started operations in 2021, with a capacity of 16/ton/hour. The supply base of fresh fruit bunches comes mainly from own plantations of 4,961.28 hectares of hybrid material and 2,009.50 hectares from independent outgrowers.

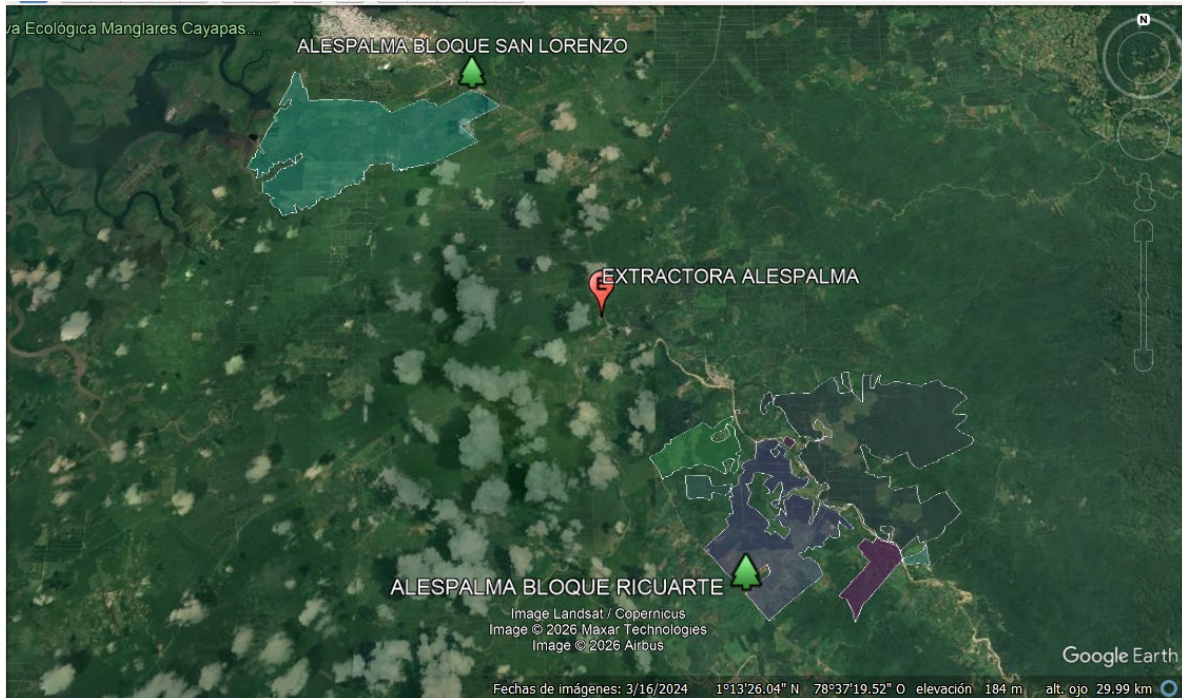
**ALESPALMA S.A** operates across two Palm Oil Production Blocks. situated in Ecuador of Canto San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas, these farms, each with their unique names, encompass a diverse range of agricultural activities and landscapes. The central milling facility is located on the Province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador. This strategic placement allows for efficient processing and distribution of agricultural products throughout the region. The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

Parent Company	
<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>HOLDING PALMACA C.A</b>
<b>Mill Name</b>	ALESPALMA S.A
<b>Address</b>	Canton San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador
<b>GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)</b>	Latitude 1,1932 Longitude -78,7640
<b>Prisma Trading Account ID</b>	U25-020377
<b>Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)</b>	16 mt/hr
<b>Supply Chain Model</b>	MB
<b>CPO Tonnage (Projection 2026)</b>	11,600.01
<b>PK Tonnage (Projection 2026)</b>	0
<b>FFB Tonnages (Projection 2026)</b>	42,963.21



Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area (ha)	Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
San Lorenzo	Km 5 ½ vía Ibarra, San Lorenzo, Esmeraldas	Lat 1.2629 Long -78.7977	1,391.84	1,841.16	14,268.38
Ricaurte	Km 23 vía Ibarra, San Lorenzo, Esmeraldas	Lat 1.1202 Long -78.7237	1,520.00	3,120.12	28,694.83
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,911.84</b>	<b>4,961.28</b>	<b>42,963.21</b>

**Location Maps:**



**New Plating Procedure Process – NPP**

Has the UoC undergo a NPP Process? YES  NO

If yes, please provide the completion date of the NPP Process: **DD/MM/YR**

Notes:



**Remediation and Compensation Procedure – RaCP**

Is any estate onf the management unite undergoing RaCO Process? YES  NO

If yes, please indicate current status:

Reference: <https://rspo.org/as-an-organisation/tools/remediation-and-compensation/racp-trackers/>

SCS Global Services (SCS) is a global leader in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing services, and standards. Established as an independent third-party certification firm in 1984, our goal is to recognize the highest levels of performance in environmental protection and social responsibility in the private and public sectors, and to stimulate continuous improvement in sustainable development. SCS became one of the first recognized California Benefit Corporations. SCS holds itself to the highest standards in the industry and has been accredited by six different accreditation bodies covering over 15 different certification systems, including food and agriculture, forestry, greenhouse gas, indoor air quality, sustainable furniture and biofuels. SCS was approved as a RSPO certification body for supply chain certification (worldwide) on 13 January 2017. Most recently approved for Principles & Criteria scope (worldwide) 13 November 2024.

SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of **ALESPALMA S.A:**

Name	Role	Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
<b>Carlos Rincon</b>	Lead Auditor	Environment, HCV, Continuous Improvement and Health and Safety	<p><b>Qualifications:</b> Environmental engineer, specialist in project evaluation and management.</p> <p><b>Training attended:</b> RSPO P&amp;C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, and P&amp;C v2024 virtual RSPO training, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead Auditor Course, SA 8000, HSEQ Auditor, Diploma in promoting the formalization of employment, safety and health at work in the palm oil sector (ILO).</p> <p><b>Work experience:</b> more than 10 years of experience in the Colombian oil palm sector, contributing to the consolidation of the productive and sustainable agribusiness. Mainly from two roles; as a professional in sustainability associated with the implementation of sustainability standards in cultivation and mills, as well as, member of the Colombian palm oil research center, as a developer of strategies, methods, tools and sustainability projects for the national scale sector. Fluent in Spanish and English.</p>
<b>Dina Medem</b>	Team Auditor	Social, Labour, Land right, supply chain	<p><b>Education:</b> Food Engineer, Master’s in Food Science and Technology (Focus area: Fruit Processing) and Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology (Focus area: Organic Agroindustry and New Product Development).</p> <p><b>Trainings attended:</b> RSPO P&amp;C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, and P&amp;C v2024 virtual RSPO training, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead auditor ISO 9001: 2015 CQI e IRCA (2017), Proforest Academy online courses (2022) on Natural Resource Conflict Management, Introduction to FPIC, Respecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Gender Inclusion in Agro-Commodity Production, Introduction to the Multistakeholder Process (MSP), and SA 8000.</p> <p><b>Working experience:</b> Lead auditor has more than 8 years of experience in social and environmental responsibility certification audits.</p>



			<p>Additionally, she has led and participated in more than 20 RSPO certification stakeholder consultations. More than 6 years of experience on legislation in Latin America and Africa acquired through participation in audits.</p> <p>Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and English.</p>
<b>Josue Teo</b>	Team Auditor	<p>Best Agronomic Practices Health and Safety</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> Agricultural Engineer, specialization in Agricultural Production Systems</p> <p><b>Trainings attended:</b> RSPO P&amp;C lead auditor course 2018 (2020 and refresher August 2023) and P&amp;C v2024 virtual RSPO training, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead auditor, ISO 14001:2018.</p> <p><b>Working experience:</b> 14 years of experience in Agricultural Production, Good Agricultural Practices Advisor, advisor and university professor of Integrated Pest Management and Responsible Management of Pesticides and Fertilizers, GRASP Auditor Add-on (GlobalG.A.P.) Risk Assessment in Good Social Practices (2024), 4 years of experience auditing ISO 14001:2018, serves as a local expert in Guatemala with Knowledge of local laws regarding social and labor issues. Fluent in Spanish and English.</p>
<b>Pablo Redroban</b>	Technical Expert	<p>Environment, social, continuous improvement, and supply chain</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> BA in Economics., MBA in Quality and Productivity, Postgraduate Diploma in Supply Chain and Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Postgraduate Diploma in Integrated Management Quality Systems.</p> <p><b>Training attended:</b> Auditor ISO 9001, RSPO SCC and RSPO P&amp;C. v 2020.</p> <p><b>Working experience:</b> Professional background in supply chain and quality management including operational planning, operational excellence, procurement and vendor relations, quality control, logistics, business intelligence and customer service. Expertise in the consumer goods sector, automotive industry, consulting, certification and accreditation bodies. Fluent in Spanish and English.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of **Grupo ALESPALMA S.A.**, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

**Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:**

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

<b>Ms. Adriana Cala</b> <b>Director, responsible Palm Oil Programs</b> SCS Global Services 2000 Powell Street, Suite 600 <b>Emeryville, CA 94608 USA</b> <b>Tel: +1.786.281.2707</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:rspo-sh@scsglobalservices.com">rspo-sh@scsglobalservices.com</a></b>	And/or	<b>Mr. Pablo Bastidas / Mrs. Felipe Ordoñez</b> <b>Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator</b> <b>ALESPALMA S.A / Environmental Advisor</b> Canton San Lorenzo, Province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador <b>Tel: +593 0987704016/ +593 0997596474</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:pbastidas@hpalmaca.com.ec">pbastidas@hpalmaca.com.ec</a></b> <b><a href="mailto:fordonez@hpalmaca.com.ec">fordonez@hpalmaca.com.ec</a></b>
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*All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter. Also, please feel welcome to forward this message to other stakeholders that you think may have an interest in sharing their perspective on this assessment.*

Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Adriana Cala  
Director, responsible Palm Oil Programs