

RAPID RESPONSE

PALM OIL SECTOR REPORT 52



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Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd
(Rinwood Group)

Supply Chain Information

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New Case

Group: Rinwood Group

Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd

Concession & Clearance Location: 2.64707, 113.90204

Deforestation and/or Peat Development					
Report	Deforestation (ha)	Area of Impact (ha)	Peat Forest Development (ha)	Tree Cover Loss (ha)	Time Period
52	79	1,209			July 2024 - September 2025

Planet satellite Imagery shows that between July 2024 and September 2025, there was a total of 1,209 ha intensely logged in the Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd concession in preparation for land clearing and plantation development. Further, between July 2024 and September 2025, a total of 79ha was cleared (see pages 5-6).



Supply Chain Information

Company/Group	Traders	Biofuel/Other	Consumer Brands
Rinwood Palm Oil mill / Rinwood Group (PO1000004799)	AAK, ADM, Bunge, Cargill, Fuji Oil, IFFCO, KLK, LDC, Olam Agri, Pacific Inter-Link (PIL), Sime Darby, Wilmar	Avril, BASF, Biesterfeld Spezialchemie, Galaxy Surfactants, Indorama, Innospec, KAO, Lipsa, Nikko Chemicals, Nisshin Oillio, Oleon, Stearinerie Dubois, Symrise, Zschimmer & Schwarz	Avon, Beiersdorf, Barry Callebaut, Colgate Palmolive, Flora Food Group, Friesland Campina, Grupo Bimbo, Johnson & Johnson, Kellogg's, Lion Corporation, Meiji, Mondelez, Nestle, Pepsi, P&G, PZ Cussons, Vandemoortele



Case Notes and Evidence

Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd is majority (80%) owned by Sarawak timber tycoon and politician Dato Hii King Chiong ('Dato Hii') and his son, Hii Wei Wen.

Dato Hii and his family own the Rinwood Group of Companies ('Rinwood Group'), which includes Rinwood Plywood Sdn Bhd, Rinwood Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd, Rinwood Pelita (Mukah) Plantation Sdn Bhd and the [Rinwood Palm Oil Mill](#) (PO1000004799).

In 2023, Pusaka (the government's Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation) and Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd signed a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) regarding the expansion of the bamboo industry in Sarawak.

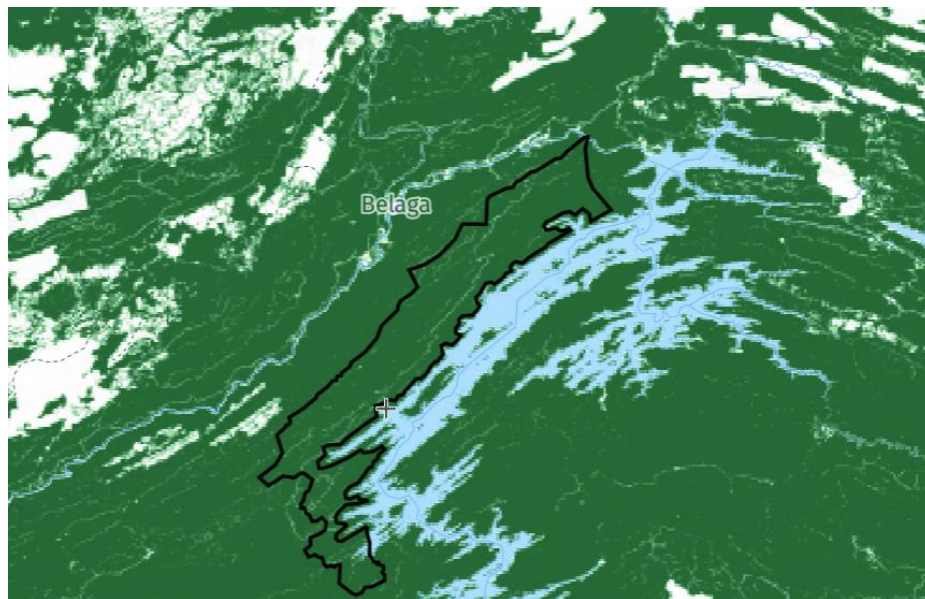
[Image below](#): Dato Hii (circled on left) and Hii Wei Wen (circled on right) pictured at the MoU signing ceremony. The Sarawak Premier, Tan Sri Abang Johari Openg, can be seen on the far left next to Dato Hii.



Case Notes and Evidence

Rich Venture Plantation Sdn Bhd was granted a 44,545-hectare concession (LPF/0056) adjacent to the remote Bakun Dam project in Sarawak.

The map below shows the land cover of the concession was largely natural forest in 2020. See [link for more details](#).



Based on Planet satellite imagery, the company started logging the concession in August 2024 in preparation for land clearing and large-scale bamboo plantation development.

A Planet satellite time series imagery of the development can be viewed here: www.planet.com/stories/bamboo-development_sarawak-yhAo6U6Hg

Alleged 'Exploitation' issues

According to NGO the '[Borneo Project](#)', the LPF 'license overlaps with the native customary rights (NCR) lands of at least seven Kenyah, Kayan, Lahanan, and Penan communities: Uma Belor, Uma Lahanan, Uma Kelep, Uma Penan Talun, Uma Balui Liko, Uma Juman, and Uma Daro.'

Borneo Project states that: 'On September 26th of this year, a committee representing the seven affected communities [filed a police report](#) demanding the immediate suspension of LPF/0056. They reported that Rich Venture failed to adequately consult their communities. Communities have not seen an Environmental Impact Assessment report, nor a management plan for the plantation.'



Mapping Analysis

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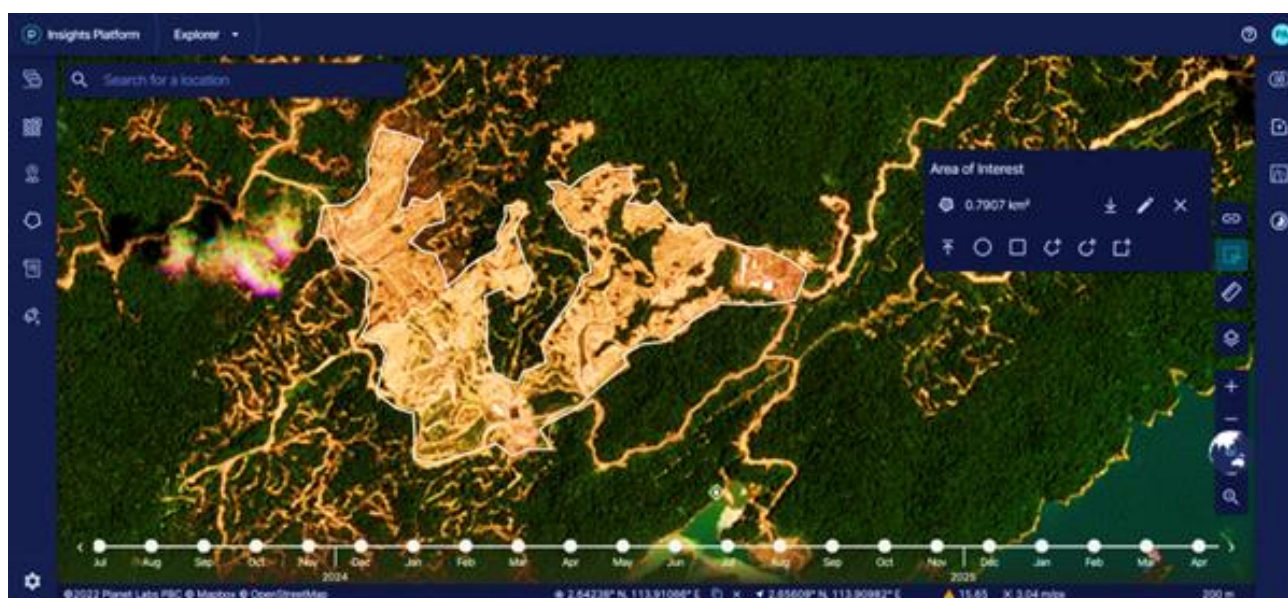
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