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### **Mewah Group becomes the first palm oil refinery to export MSPO-certified RBDPO**

**Malaysia/Singapore, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019** – A subsidiary of Mewah International Inc. (“Mewah” or “Mewah Group”), Mewaholeo Industries Sdn. Bhd. is proud to announce that it is the first refinery to produce and export Malaysia’s very first shipment of Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certified RBDPO to Japan. The official launch ceremony of the inaugural shipment of MSPO-certified product was officiated by YB Teresa Kok, Minister of Primary Industries, Mr. Chew Jit Seng, CEO of Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC), Dr. Cheo Tong Choon @ Lee Tong Choon, Chairman of Mewah Group and Ms. Michelle Cheo Hui Ning, CEO of Mewah Group.

Mewaholeo Industries Sdn. Bhd. is expected to export 300 MT of MSPO-certified RBDPO to Japan on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 via Johor Port. This was a challenge that Mewah boldly undertook back in April 2019 in spite of the scarce supply of MSPO-certified Crude Palm Oil (CPO) at the time. With the collective support from the Ministry of Primary Industries and MPOCC, Mewah successfully convinced its suppliers to complete MSPO SCCS certification in time to supply MSPO-certified CPO, the raw material for the MSPO-certified RBDPO.

Mewah Group is honored to be given the opportunity to host the Ministry of Primary Industries in its official launch ceremony and is proud to contribute towards the Malaysia Government’s directive on MSPO certification. The Group would like to thank both the Ministry of Primary Industry and MPOCC for their outstanding work in establishing and upholding sustainability standards in Malaysia’s palm oil industry.

Mr Danny Chua, Mewah Group Sustainability Team Lead said, *“We truly believe that MSPO uplifts the sustainability standards in the Malaysian palm oil industry, resulting in benefits to all stakeholders in the supply chain including independent palm oil millers and independent smallholders.”* In general, Mewah believes that the inclusion of all stakeholders, especially independent smallholders in the scheme, would further enhance the positive image of MSPO-certified sustainable palm oil in the eyes of global palm oil consumers.

Throughout the years, Mewah Group has been supportive of the promotion of Malaysia’s own sustainability standard in Malaysia palm oil industry. All refineries under Mewah Group have obtained MSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard (SCCS) certification. Mewah Group’s Sustainability Team has been continuously working on the ground to assist its suppliers including independent smallholders to achieve MSPO certification before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.



### **About Mewah International Inc.**

Mewah International Inc. (“Mewah” or the “Mewah Group”) is a global agri-business with refineries and processing facilities in Malaysia and Singapore. Founded in 1950s, Mewah was listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited on November 24, 2010. Today, Mewah has grown to be one of the largest edible oils and fats businesses with a current total refining capacity of 3.5 million MT annually.

Mewah produces a wide range of refined and fractionated vegetable oils and fats principally from palm oil. It also produces oils and fats from lauric oils, such as palm kernel oil and coconut oil; and from soft oils, such as soybean oil, canola oil, sunflower seed oil and corn oil. Besides edible oil and fat products, the Group also sells rice and dairy products in consumer pack form under its own brands.

### **About Mewah’s Sustainability**

As an integrated agri-business focused on edible oils and fats, Mewah recognizes our responsibilities in assuring product quality and sustainable manner of supply chain from the sourcing and processing of raw materials, to the packing, merchandising, shipping and distribution.

Mewah has been a member of the Roundtable Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) since year 2010. In 2014, we adopted a Sustainable Palm Oil Policy with sustainability commitments entailing our entire palm oil supply chain. We endeavour to provide our stakeholders with an understanding of our sustainability approach, the measurements we have in place and our approach in building a sustainable business. This is in line with our commitment to improve the sustainability standards of our suppliers and the Smallholders we support.

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