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EnviroJustice Signs On to UPM-Kymmene Letter

MARTINEZ, CA – EnviroJustice today signed on to a letter sent to UPM-Kymmene, one of world's largest papermakers based in Finland. The letter demands that UPM stop its current use of pulp from the Indonesian producer APRIL unless the latter reforms its destructive practices. The letter highlights an acutely threatened forest area in Sumatra, Kampar Peninsula, to insert pressure towards APRIL to back off from its plans to clearcut the area.

"Use of paper from illegally obtained sources robs the world of its most basic and valuable resources," declared Gregory Hile, president of EnviroJustice. "Faith-based communities have a strong interest in preserving creation and supporting the interests of peoples the world over."

The letter was signed by a variety of 37 environmental and other civil society organizations throughout the world, including the following:

ARA - Working Group on Rainforests and Biodiversity, Germany
Canadian EarthCare Society
Dogwood Alliance, USA
Down to Earth, Indonesia
Finnish Association for Nature Conservation
Friends of the Earth Australia
Friends of the Earth Austria
GLOBAL 2000 Friends of the Earth Colombia
Friends of the Earth England, Wales & Northern Ireland
Friends of the Earth Finland Friends of the Earth Indonesia / WALHI Friends of the Earth International Forest Program
Friends of the Earth Netherlands/Milieudefensie
Friends of the Earth Norway
Friends of the Earth Paraguay
Greenpeace International
Pro REGENWALD, Germany
Forest Watch, USA
WALHI Kalimantan Selatan, Indonesia

EnviroJustice promotes fundamental systemic change and environmental justice through education, activism, and mobilization from a progressive, faith-based perspective.

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