**INVITATION LETTER**

***Workshop “Promoting sustainable rubber plantations***

***and FSC Certification for Rubber Companies in Viet Nam***

To promote the sustainable development of the Viet Nam rubber industry and achieve FSC certification to meet current and future trends of customers, the Vietnam Rubber Association (VRA) in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature in Viet Nam (WWF-Vietnam) organize a Workshop ***“Promoting Sustainable Rubber Plantations and FSC certification for Rubber Companies in Viet Nam”*** with details as below:

***Objectives***: To promote sustainable rubber plantations and FSC certification for rubber companies in Viet Nam.

***Date***: 08:00 – 16:30, Monday, **24 July 2017**

***Venue***: Sen Viet Hotel *(No. 33, Cao Thang St., Dist. 3, Ho Chi Minh City)*

***Participants***: Companies and VRA’s members relating to natural rubber and rubberwood production, Governmental agencies and relevant organizations, media…

***Agenda***: Attached

Due to limited space, please fill the registration form for maximum of 02 delegates/company and send to VRA’s office **before 21 July 2017**. We will confirm for delegates who register in advance

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**TENTATIVE** **AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Activities** |
| 8:30 – 8:30 | Registration (by VRA staff) |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | **Welcome Speech** – *Representative of VRA* |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | **Opening Remarks** – *Representative of WWF* |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | **Introduction about Sustainable Plantation Management**  *Mr. Le Thien Duc (WWF Vietnam)* |
| 9:20 – 9:40 | **FSC standards and FSC demand on rubber timber**  *Mrs. Vu Thi Que Anh, FSC coordinator in Vietnam* |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | **Experience on small household rubber plantations based on FSC standards in Thailand**  *Mrs. Sudarat Sangkum* (*WWF Thailand*) |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Tea Break** |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Overview on supply chain of natural rubber in Viet Nam and trends towards sustainable development**  *Dr. Tran Thi Thuy Hoa (VRA)* |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **Successful story on certified acacia plantations in Vietnam – good lesson learnt for rubber sector**  *Mr Nguyen Vu*, *SBARB project*, *WWF Vietnam* |
| 11:30 – 13:30 | **Lunch and networking** |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | **Rubber timber’s demand of Williams Sonama**  *Mr. Matthew Guenther, Williams Sonama* |
| 13:50 – 14:10 | **Investment risks on rubber in Southeast Asia**  *Mr Nguyen Viet Dung – Deputy Director, PanNature* |
| 14:10 – 14:30 | **Tea Break** |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | **Open discussions** – How we can collaborate to support sustainable rubber plantations in Viet Nam  Moderator: VRA (*Dr. Tran Thi Thuy Hoa)*  Panel speakers: WWF, VRG, HAWA, BIFA, IKEA, FSC |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | **Workshop Conclusion – Group pictures**  *Representative of VRA* |