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RSPO: 74 hot spots in Jatin Jaya areas

KUALA LUMPUR: Of the five plantation companies that the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) had asked to submit digital maps of their concession areas, only one had hot spots.

The 74 hot spots within Jakarta-based PT Jatin Jaya Perkasa's concession in Riau either lasted "consistently" for several days or appeared on a recurring basis, said the RSPO.

"The RSPO will now have to determine whether the origin of the fires within the hot spots was a result of systemic failure in managing environment-related risks or otherwise," said the RSPO secretary-general Darrel Webber in a statement yesterday.

The matter will be directed to the RSPO Complaints Panel for it deliberate, evaluate and decide upon.

According to the RSPO, the analysis does not include information such as boundaries for planted areas or smallholder areas.

Last week, the RSPO cleared Sime Darby Bhd, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd, Golden Agri Resources and TH Plantations Bhd after they submitted their digital maps.

No hot spots were identified within the plantations of these companies.

Fire alerts within company



RSPO secretary-general **Darrel Webber** says **RSPO will have to determine the origin of the fires**

boundaries were analysed separately by the World Resources Institute and Malaysian scientist and Geographic Information System expert Dr Khali Aziz Hamzah from the Forest Research Institute Malaysia.

However, the Indonesian authorities said charges will be filed against KLK's subsidiary PT Adei Plantations for allegedly causing environmental damage.

KLK has since denied wrongdoing, saying it adheres to a zero burning policy and that the fires were outside its concession areas.

| Company Concession Boundaries & Fire Alerts Data | | |
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| Company Name | HGU Concession Boundaries Provided* | Number of Fire Alerts within Concession Boundaries |
| Sime Darby | ✓ | 6 |
| GAR | ✓ | 3 |
| KL Kepong | ✓ | 1 |
| Tabung Haji | ✓ | 0 |
| PT Jatin Jaya Perkasa | ✗ | NA |

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NA: not applicable