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FELDA PALM INDUSTRIES SDN BHD**



**Oil Palm Based Resources for Bioenergy:  
Sustainability and Challenges**



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# FELDA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

SOCIAL/PEOPLE



## Background : Poverty Eradication

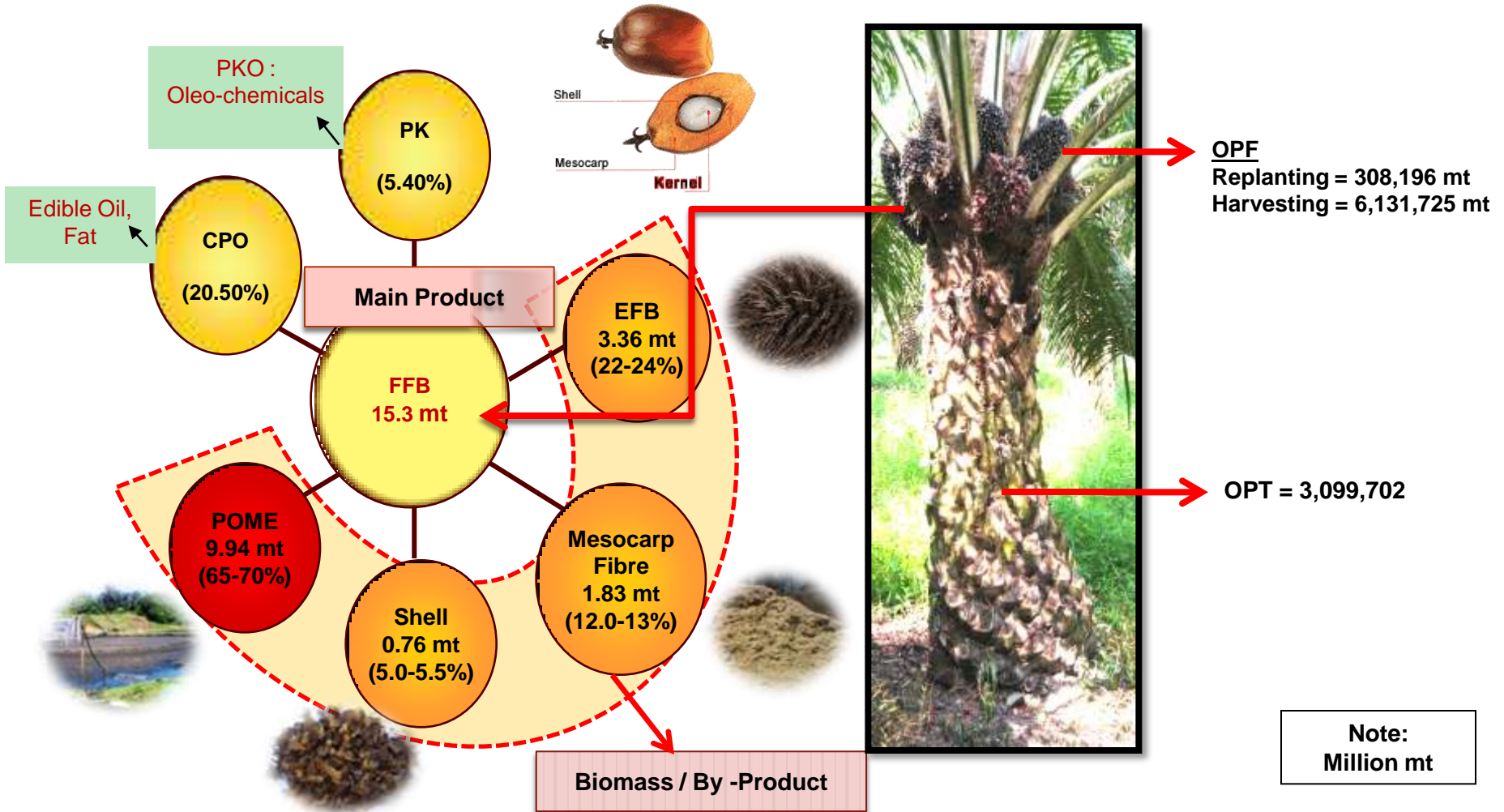
- ❖ 103,156 settlers in 317 schemes
- ❖ 70% in oil palm sector

## Development of FELDA projects:

- ❖ Established 1<sup>st</sup> July 1956
  - ❖ Land for landless families
  - ❖ Uplift socio-economic status
- ❖ Total land 811,140 & 703,932 oil palm (05)
- ❖ 4 & 0.1 hec plantation land & housing land
- ❖ Each project: Central area for housing and businesses
- ❖ Development of townships to provide wide range of services
- ❖ Opportunity for settlers to participate in business activities
- ❖ Current, FELDA's development focus:
  - ❖ Provide good public amenities
  - ❖ Urbanization of rural areas
- ❖ Sustainable development

FELDA SCHEME

# Palm Based Biomass Resources Within Felda: 2014



## Management: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)



Field Application  
- Zero burning



Empty Fruit Bunch +  
Mill Effluent > Compost



Grass for  
cattle rearing



# THE VISION AND STRATEGIES

## VISION

**Optimisation of biomass recovery and revenue generation**

## THE STRATEGIES

- i. Optimisation of biomass recovery from mill's operation
- ii. Coordinated Empty Fruit Bunches (EFB) utilisation activities.
- iii. Enhancement of Biomass related sales activities (Focus on low hanging fruit projects)
- iv. Continuous Improvement of biomass based projects/products
- v. Comprehensive Biogas trapping activities and applications.

## MAIN TRUST

### TARGET BY 2020



**Zero incinerator's operation through fresh and/or treated EFB sales**



**To increase shell excess recovery yield to 2%**



**All mills with biogas trapping facilities and potential applications**

1990 - 2000

2000 - 2007

2008 - 2011

2011 - 2012

2012 - 2014

# FGV THE WALK THROUGH

## FPISB BIOMASS DEPARTMENT



1) 2002 : BOD approved 1<sup>st</sup> EFB based power plant in Sahabat Complex in 2002

2) Continuous operation from 2005 till now

3) 1<sup>st</sup> Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Project in Malaysia

1) 1998 : R&D Collaboration with MPOB

2) 1999: Designed, built & patented EFB processing equipment

1) 2006 : CDM strongly promoted for biogas capture

2) 2008 : Build, Own, Operate, & Transfer (BOOT) for 10 mills signed with AES, USA.

3) 2008 : Concurrently award to 4 biogas capture projects to single company; encountered many technical problems.

4) EFB compost facilities installed: targeted for internal consumption, utilising POME thus eligible as CDM projects

5) CER market collapsed due to low interest to CDM from developed countries

1) 2012 : SEDA was created & Feed-in-Tariff established – selling electricity to National Grid: potentially revenue generating endeavor without depending on CDM

2) 2013 : EFB Pelletizing Plant successfully operated

3) FPI continue to build more biogas projects in mills

4) New Reactor design for Biogas where yield increased to > 1500 m3/hour, displaying

5) H connected to the grid



1) 2013 : Collaboration with MIGHT & Sime Darby, a SPV created to explore opportunities of palm based bio-refinery producing high value bio-chemicals

2) 2014 : 11 biogas capture plants successfully operated

3) To built 600 m3/hr the 1st BioCNG Plant; collaboration with MPOB, showcase project for the industry

4) **MPOB directive : all mills to be fitted with**



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# BioMASS based initiatives



# Projects Implemented

## Brief walk through on Phase 1 of renewable energy initiatives executed by FPISB

### Sahabat Biomass Power plant



Project developed to utilise EFBs produced by 5 mills in Sahabat to generate heat & power for demands within the Group – CPO refining , kernel crushing plant, hotel, office and residential.

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> large scale co-generation plant in the world to utilise solely treated EFB combustion fuel.
- b) Project was developed & commissioned in 2005 to substitute fossil fuel.
- c) 2012: New boiler is added.
- d) Project was designed to benefit from Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)
- e) Cost saving to consumers of about **RM10 million** yearly

### Bio-Compost

Compost was produced for internal consumption and application in the palm plantation:

- a) 6 sites were developed by FPISB employing multitude of composting technology and knowhow through open tender exercises.

# New Projects Undertaken

## Brief walk through on Phase 1 of renewable energy initiatives executed by FPISB

### Sahabat Renewable Fuel Ventures Sdn Bhd (SRFV)



- SPV company established to produce bio-oil from EFB.
- a) **Registered as an EPP7 Project**
  - b) Pyrolysis technology developed by Ensyn, Canada patented as Rapid Thermal Process (RTP)
  - c) Site location: Sahabat, Lahad Datu, Sabah
  - d) Raw EFB supply from 4 mills in Sahabat area & others
  - e) Capacity: **Downsize to 150 BDT treated EFB/day**

### FNI Biofuel Sdn Bhd



- SPV company established undertake pellet making project based on EFB.
- a) Initial master plan to involve 4 similar pellet plants.
  - b) Itochu withdrew from project in 2012 after sales commitment cannot be achieved, due to tsunami in Japan & market constrains
  - c) Encountered technical & market hiccups: barrier for growth.
  - d) FNI currently servicing export (75%) and local sales.
  - e) Projected revenue for 2014: RM-- mil.

# New Initiative : Biomass to Electricity

## Background:

- FTJ Bio Power is a **JV-co between Felda Palm Industries (60%) and TNB (40%)**
- Support the government's Small and Renewable Energy Programme (SREP)
- To manage **12.5MW(gross) empty fruit bunch (EFB) based power generation plant.**
- EFB from 7 adjacent mills.
- Under the Renewable Energy Power Purchasing Agreement (REPPA), TNB shall purchase price of 21sen/kWh for 21 years.
- With Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) being endorsed: tariff of RM0.30 per kWh for 16 years.
- Financial Support: RM125 Million.

## Plant Profile:

Operational parameters	
Power generation capacity	10MW(net)
*EFB required	350,000MT



The site

- Target operation: August 2014

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# Biogas based initiatives

# BIOGAS UTILIZATION: Strategic Options



- **CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM (CDM)**
- **BIOGAS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION & GRID CONNECTED PROJECT**
  - **POWER STABILITY STUDY (PSS) BY TNB**
    - Determine the capacity acceptable by TNB at the project area & Interconnection Point.
    - Distance of Interconnection Point from the biogas plant within 5 km away.
    - High cost if interconnection point far away from biogas plant (>5km).
  - **FEED-IN TARIFF QUOTA**
    - Subject to quota opening by SEDA (FPI successfully registered 10 new projects).
- **Bio Compressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG) or Bio-Methane**
  - Another option of biogas utilization based on location of mill rather far from grid and availability of potential buyer.
- **BIOGAS AS BOILER FUEL**
  - No load demand based on Power System Study by TNB.
  - Interconnection Point determined by TNB too far from biogas plant (>5 km)

## Biogas Trapping for Grid-Connected Electricity Generation:

- Under EPP5: FPISB has pledged to equip all palm oil mill with biogas capturing facility.
- Main focus is for electricity generation for rural electrification & as Small Power Producer

BIOGAS PROJECT STATUS AS OF JANUARY 2014			
FPISB'S EQUITY		BOOT (CDM)	
Status	No.	Status	No.
Completed	11	Completed	2
Under construction	11	Under construction	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>



### Economic Analysis on Grid Connection Project

Capacity	1.5MW	2.0MW
Capex (RM)	16 mil	20 mil
FIT Tariff (RM/Kwh) (16 years)	0.35	0.35
Total Power Generation Per Year (Kwh /year)	11 mil	15 mil
Revenue per year (RM/year)	4.0 mil	5.2 mil
IRR (%)	13.6	16.12



# Bio-Methane Compression System from Biogas

## Background :

diversifying biogas utilization to expand the revenue stream. BioMethane Compression System is a process of turning raw biogas to industrial grade bio-Compressed Natural Gas ( Bio-CNG ), through biogas cleaning, drying, separation & compress to required pressure demanded by customers.

**Project Cost :** MYR --

**Potential Off-takers :** NGC Energy, several private industrial purchasers

**Location :** FPISB; Sg Tenggi Mill

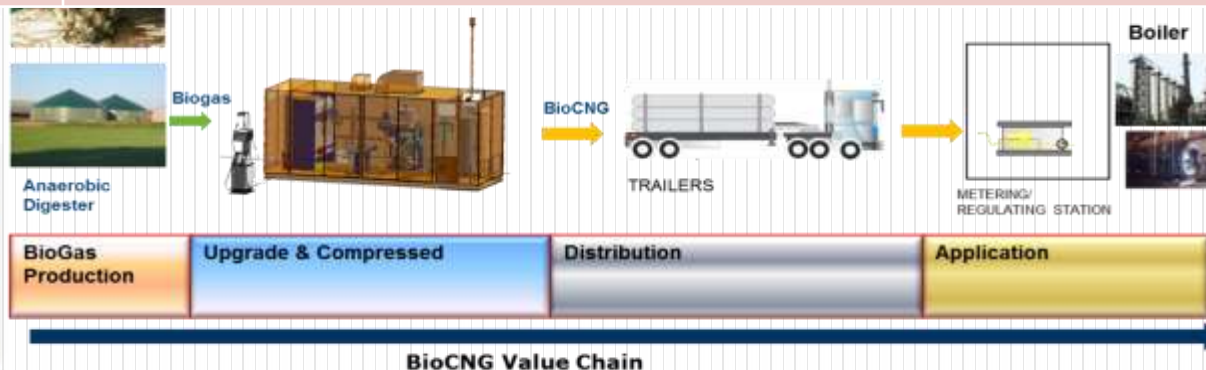
**Project Design Capacity :** 8,208 m<sup>3</sup>/day, app. 2,462,400 m<sup>3</sup>/year or 79,760 MMBTU/year

## Financial Details (Independent)

**Total Revenue (MYR)/yr :** 3.58 mil  
**IRR (%) at 10 years :** 13.5

## Current Status :

- Expected completion November , 2014.
- Ongoing discussion with MPOB to secure special fund.
- MPOB to promote BioCNG Plant as national showcase for palm oil industry.



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Biogas based initiatives  
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION



# RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FROM BIOGAS



- **Location: UMAS PALM OIL MILL, TAWAU, SABAH.**
- **Design Biogas Output: 1,200 m<sup>3</sup>/HOUR**
- **Gas Engine Capacity: 1.2 MW**
- **Point of Electricity Injection: Existing FELDA distribution facility**
- **Electricity Supply Areas: UMAS'S COMPLEX (3,000 Houses, Offices & Commercial Premises)**
  - **SETTLER FAMILY : 2,500 HOUSES**
  - **STAFF QUARTERS : 500 HOUSES**
- **GHG Emission Reduction : 27,000 mt CO<sub>2</sub> / yr (Methane Avoidance) exclude Displacement of Diesel based electricity Generation)**

# PROJECT FLOW ELECTRICITY GENERATION FROM BIOGAS (UMAS PALM OIL MILL)



POME FROM THE PALM OIL MILL



ANAEROBICS DIGESTER



BIOGAS CAPTURED PIPING TO BIOSCRUBBER



BIOSCRUBBER FOR H<sub>2</sub>S REMOVAL



GAS ENGINE FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION



Kwh METER (ELECTRICITY GENERATION)



STEP UP TRANSFORMER 415V/11kV



FELDA DISTRIBUTION LINE

SETTLER HOUSES

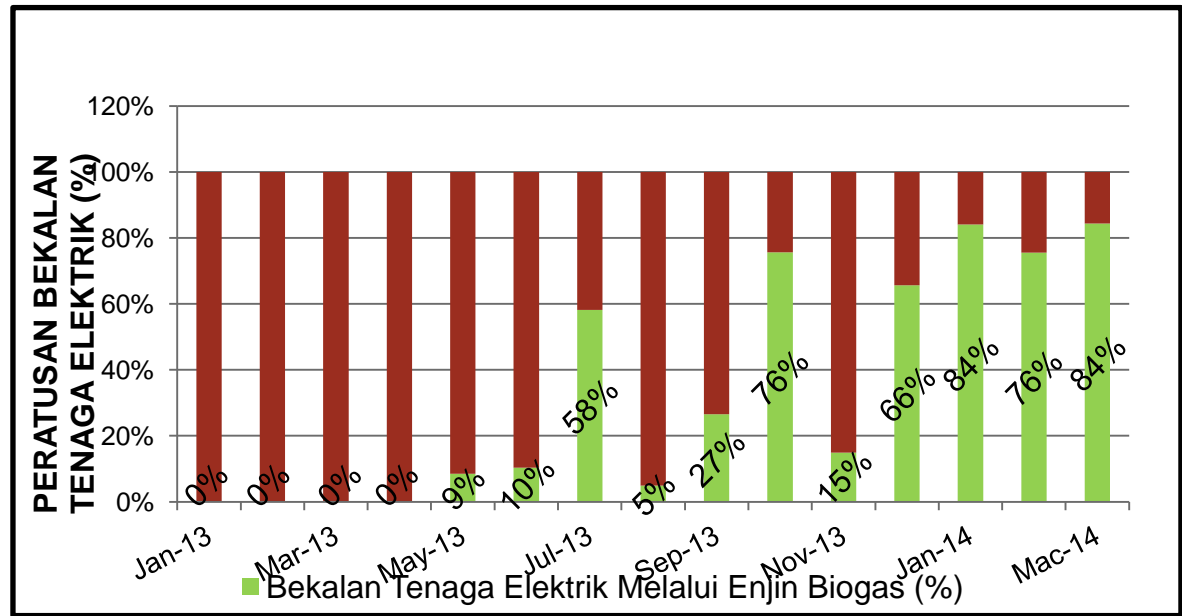
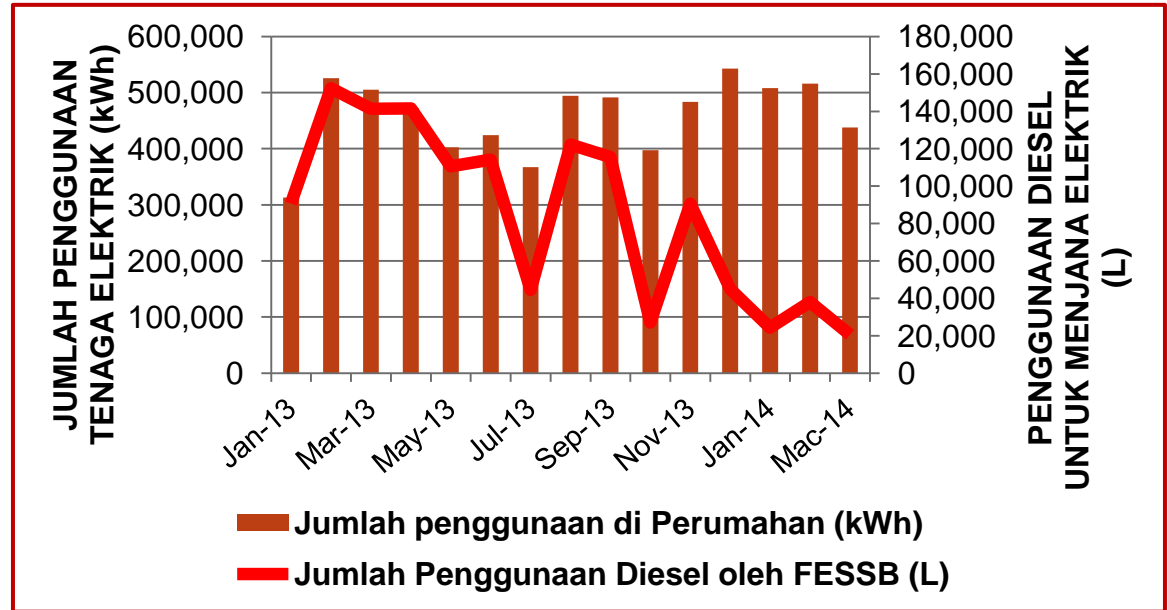


STAFF QUARTERS

OFFICES & COMMERCIAL



# REDUCTION IN DIESEL CONSUMPTION



# DIESEL REPLACEMENT FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT, SABAH

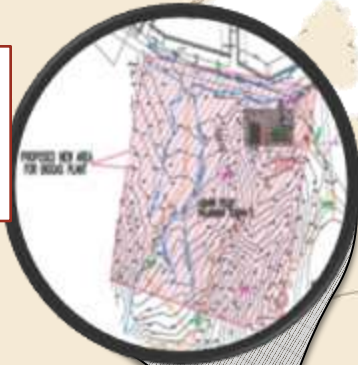
Kota Kinabalu

## Kalabakan

Output = 1.0MW

Status =

Construction



## Biogas Plant Umas

Output = 1.2MW

Status =

Operating



## Baiduri Ayu

Potential =  
1.8MW

Target = End  
2014



## Merchu Puspita

Design = 1.2MW

Target = Oct 2014

- Meeting Organisation's sustainable strategy
- No more dependence on petro-diesel.
- Able to meet local power demand
- Support local industries through reliable power supply.



# Challenges

- **Approval from Authorities e.g Department of Environment (DOE)**
  - No specific guidelines for RE projects: for installation of boiler, chimney, generating set and particulate control system.
  - New DOE emission requirement for 150ppm when regulations have stipulated for 400ppm and EPC contractor has committed for 200ppm
- ➔ **Single Line Diagram Endorsement from Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB)**
  - Long Queue for Biomass & biogas based RE provided by SEDAK (TNB)
  - Uncertainty for interconnection requirements
  - Utility company requested for special long lead time equipment (33kV switchgears)
- **Financing**
  - Single line diagram endorsement might incur multiple changes
  - Able to obtain full financing support, but require corporate guarantees
  - Disbursement: rather challenging and difficult.
  - Rather tight requirements imposed.



# What is the values?

Investors: **USD50** / BDT  
Owner : USD80 / BDT

Mesocarp Fibers



Palm Kernel Shell



Oil Palm Fronds  
(Basal Part)



Palm Kernel Cake



Empty Fruit Bunch



Oil Palm Trunks



# CONCLUSIONS: The Benefits

## Local Communities:



- Permanent jobs; 50-70
- Job opportunities during construction; 100-150
- Cleaner environment (Avoid incinerator's usage)
- Avoid open disposal of EFB & no un-control open burning
  - Support the development of SMEs.
- Electricity generated: enough to support local demand.

- Support the country initiatives; ETP
- Reduce the use and reliance on fossil fuel.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fuel Policy: Clean energy.
- Support Kyoto Protocol; a CDM project.
- Country image to clean sustainable energy.

## The World:



- In-line with United Nations Initiatives
- Exporting clean air to the rest of the world

## Malaysia:



**RM230 million  
PBT by 2020  
& 2.25 mt  
mil/yr CER**



# THANK YOU



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