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BRUNEI SHELL PETROLEUM AND WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL PARTNER TO PROMOTE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP) and Wetlands International (WI) have signed a five year partnership agreement aimed at enhancing biodiversity conservation in the country.

The partnership will be embarking on an 18-month project to develop and implement a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for BSJV's coastal concession area and the peatlands, in particular the Badas peat dome.

The Biodiversity Action Plan will also pave the way for the implementation of prevention and control of fire in peatlands, especially in the Badas dome, and the development of an implementation plan for restoration of degraded peatlands. These rich ecosystems provide a variety of services and resources not only for wildlife but also for people.

Yesterday, BSP and WI held an engagement session to provide an overview of the project to the external stakeholders such as the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources as well as the Ministry of Development and seek support for the project and agreement on the actions required under the Biodiversity Action Plan.

The event was held at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

BSP Managing Director, Ken Marnoch said "We believe that it is important to engage with our stakeholders, be it in the government, NGO and the general public because the biodiversity conservation cannot be met by energy producers alone. Government, NGOs and consumers must be a part of the solution too. It is through engagements and partnerships with environmental experts such as Wetlands International, that we are able to take effective steps towards biodiversity conservation."

Meanwhile BSP's Head of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Hj Idris bin Hj Jaafar in his remarks at the event said, "It is our hope that through our close cooperation together with all the agencies involved here, we as a collective whole, would be able to make a meaningful difference to Brunei Darussalam in preserving its green heritage for future generations to come".

Wetlands International is a global not-for-profit organisation that works to sustain and restore wetlands around the world. Wetlands include areas such as mangroves, rivers, coral reefs and peatlands.

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Notes to Editors: Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) should be referred as BSP or Brunei Shell Petroleum for abbreviation or headline purposes. Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd's activity is primarily for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas from onshore and offshore fields. The Government of Brunei Darussalam and a company in the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies each owns a 50% stake in BSP.