

Media Update

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PT Freeport Indonesia Supports Conservation Efforts with 20,000 Bamboo Seedlings

Jayapura – In an effort to preserve the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) donated 20,000 bamboo seedlings to the Papua Provincial Government on Thursday (16/11/2023). The bamboo planting initiative aims to prevent natural disasters, disturbances, and damage that result in degradation and deforestation in the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve. It also serves to provide clear natural boundaries for the community to differentiate between areas within the reserve and those outside.

Vice President of Environmental PTFI, **Gesang Setyadi**, expressed that this action is a tangible manifestation of PTFI's support for the Papua Provincial Government and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. This support is demonstrated through the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve Conservation Program, which involves planting around 60,000 bamboo seedlings along a 78-kilometer buffer zone. The buffer zone stretches from Pasir 6 in Jayapura City to Maribu in Ravenirara District, Jayapura Regency, marking the boundaries of the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve.

"PTFI is actively involved in the implementation of the Cycloop rehabilitation activities with the Papua Provincial Government. This effort is expected to have a positive impact on the environment of the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve and aligns with PTFI's commitment to actively preserve the environment for ecological balance," said Gesang during the bamboo seedling handover event to the Papua Provincial Government.

The Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve was designated as a conservation area in 1979. The reserve is home to endemic flora and fauna, diverse ecosystems including lowland rainforests, mountain forests, secondary forests, grasslands, and mangroves. The area plays a crucial hydrological role as a climate regulator and serves as a center of diversity for the evolution and natural distribution of flora and fauna.

The Governor of Papua Province, represented by the Acting Secretary Assistant for Economy and People's Welfare, **Suzana Wanggai**, expressed gratitude for PTFI's support in the efforts to save the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve. "I am very grateful to PTFI for their assistance to the Papua Provincial Government in preserving the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve. Cycloop is our source of life, so we must protect nature, and nature will protect us," said Suzana.

"I also hope that all components of society can do the same, especially state-owned enterprises (BUMN) and regional-owned enterprises (BUMD) in Papua Province," Suzana added.

In addition to supporting the bamboo planting program for the preservation of the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve, PTFI has also collaborated with the Watershed and Protected Forest Management Center (BPDASHL) to implement the Watershed Rehabilitation Program in Jayapura Regency and City since 2021. The watershed rehabilitation activities mark PTFI's first initiative outside the Special Mining Business License (IUPK) area.

Gaesang explained that within PTFI's area, reforestation activities have been carried out in the Grasberg mining area at an altitude of 4,200 meters above sea level, covering 490 hectares. "We have also conducted planting activities in the Grasberg area covering 520 hectares, in the former tailings deposition area covering 1,160 hectares, and mangrove planting covering more than 800 hectares. Additionally, we have undertaken rehabilitation in the Kuala Kencana forest covering more than 960 hectares and in the Tembagapura forest covering 12 hectares," added Gaesang.

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<p data-bbox="207 573 324 600">Foto 1a-b</p>  <p>The first photograph shows a man in a white short-sleeved shirt, dark trousers, and a white cap standing at a podium on a green carpeted stage. He is speaking into a microphone and holding a document. A large speaker is visible to his left. The background shows a scenic view of a valley with a large building and a lake. The second photograph shows the same man in the white shirt handing a small potted plant to another man in a brown jacket. They are standing on the same green stage with the scenic background.</p>	<p data-bbox="846 573 1422 779">Vice President Environmental PTFI, Gesang Setyadi, handed over bamboo seedlings, donated by PTFI, to Suzana Wanggai, the Acting Secretary Assistant for Economy and People's Welfare, at the Waena Campground in Jayapura on Thursday (16/11/23).</p>

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Vice President Environmental PTFI **Gesang Setyadi** along with **Suzana Wanggai**, the Acting Secretary Assistant for Economy and People's Welfare, engaged in planting bamboo seedlings donated by PTFI at the Waena Campground in Jayapura, on Thursday (16/11/23).

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Location for planting bamboo seedlings assisted by PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) to the Papua Provincial Government at Waena Campground, Jayapura. The planting of bamboo seedlings was carried out to save the Cycloop Mountains Nature Reserve.

About PT Freeport Indonesia

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) is an affiliated mineral mining company of Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) and Mining Industry Indonesia (MIND ID). PTFI mines and processes ore to produce concentrate containing copper, gold and silver. PTFI markets concentrate to meet world metal needs, with priority being the domestic copper smelter, PT Smelting.

PTFI's mining operations are located in the Grasberg mineral area, Central Papua – Indonesia. Currently PTFI operates the largest underground mine using the block caving method in the world. In carrying out its operational activities, PTFI prioritizes responsible and sustainable business practices.

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