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TIMBER GRADING CIRCULAR NO. 1/2008

To : All Timber Graders/Sawn Timber Exporters

Tuan,

RE : THE TIMBER GRADING REGULATIONS, 2008

This Circular is to inform that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 24 of STIDC Ordinance, 1973 (Ord. No. 3 of 1973), the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has approved **The Timber Grading Regulations, 2008.**

The Regulations shall come into force on 1st January 2008 and will be implemented effective 1st June 2008. All parties concerned can obtain the Regulations from our website link at www.sarawaktimber.org.my

Please do not hesitate to contact our officers if you have any inquiry.

"BERSATU BERUSAHA BERBAKTI"

Dengan hormatnya,

(DATU HAJI LEN TALIF SALLEH)
General Manager

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**SARAWAK TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ORDINANCE, 1973**

**THE TIMBER GRADING REGULATIONS, 2008
(Made under section 24)**

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**SARAWAK TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ORDINANCE, 1973**

**THE TIMBER GRADING REGULATIONS, 2008
(Made under section 24)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973, the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has made the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Timber Grading Regulations, 2007, and shall come into force on the **1st day of January, 2008**.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations –

“Grading Authority” means the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and includes any officer appointed by the Corporation for such area as may be deemed appropriate.

“Malaysian Grading Rules” means the Malaysian Grading Rules for Sawn Hardwood Timber (as amended from time to time) issued by the authorised agency in Malaysia;

“Timber Grader” means a person who holds a valid Certificate of Competency issued by the Grading Authority after it is satisfied by means of training, examinations or any other approved procedure that the applicant has attained the level of competency required;

“Timber Inspector” means an employee of the Grading Authority.

Grading Certificate

3. (1) Every person who exports sawn timber, shall apply to the Grading Authority for a Grading Certificate as prescribed in the **First Schedule**.

(2) Amendments to the Grading Certificate for any of the information stipulated below may be considered by the Grading Authority:

- a. Name of Consignee
- b. Destination
- c. Name of Vessel
- d. Port of Origin
- e. Date of Sailing
- f. Extension Date

(3) The fees for the aforesaid amendments shall be as prescribed in the **Fourth Schedule**;

Conditions to obtain Grading Certificate

4. (1) Sawn timber for export shall be graded by a Timber Grader and shall conform to the standards and requirements stipulated in the Malaysian Grading Rules for Sawn Hardwood Timber, unless with the approval of the Grading Authority, exempt.

(2) Whenever a Grading Certificate is required pursuant to paragraph (1), the exporter shall –

(a) present the sawn timber in a manner convenient and suitable for inspection, grading and check-grading;

(b) comply with the conditions and requirements stipulated in the Malaysian Grading Rules for Sawn Hardwood Timber; and

(c) provide all facilities for the inspection, grading and check-grading of the sawn timber.

(3) The Grading Authority may refuse to inspect, grade and check-grade any timber if any of the provisions of paragraph (2) is not complied with to the satisfaction of the Grading Authority.

Timber Grading Service

5. (1) Timber Grading Service is provided in order to protect the interests of timber trade by ensuring so far as practicable that only graded timber is to be supplied into the market.

(2) The service includes giving advice to buyers on timber problems by general supervision in the preparation of timber and by checking the work of Timber Graders.

(3) The Grading Authority shall instruct its Timber Inspector to conduct a full grading on sawn timber upon request by the person concerned.

(4) The Grading Authority shall not be liable for any loss or damage or claims in respect of the condition or quality of the timber inspected and by no means guarantee expressly or impliedly the quality of timber.

Check Grading

6. The timber graded by timber grader is subject to supervision of the Grading Authority by means of check-grading of not less than ten percent (10%) of the volume or minimum of fifty pieces whichever is higher.

Standard Grade Marks

7. Standard Grade Marks are as prescribed in **the Second Schedule**.

Certificate of Competency

8. Certificate of Competency as prescribed in **the Third Schedule** will be issued by the Grading Authority after it is satisfied by means of training, examinations or any other approved procedure, that the applicant has attained the level of competency required and qualified to become a Timber Grader.

Timber Grader to be registered

9. (1) All Timber Graders must be registered with the Grading Authority for carrying out duties and responsibilities as timber grader and shall be subject to an annual renewal fee as prescribed in **the Fourth Schedule**.

(2) The Grading Authority has the right to suspend or de-register the timber grader if the work or conduct is unsatisfactory for such time as it sees fit.

(3) A Timber Grader whose registration has been suspended or de-registered shall not be registered again for such a period not exceeding 12 months.

Fees

10. The fees for registration as Timber Grader, grading works and other services in connection thereto shall be as prescribed in **the Fourth Schedule**.

Revocation

11. The Timber Grading Regulations, 1975 (Swk.L.N.23/75) is revoked:

Provided that nothing herein shall affect the past operation of, or anything done under the revoked Regulations.

The First Schedule
(Regulation 3)

GRADING CERTIFICATE

Serial No.

(Issued under Regulation 3 of the Timber Grading Regulations, 2008)

CERTIFIED that the sawn timber shown on the attached Schedule of Timber Shipped and summarised below, which is consigned to
(name of consignee)
and to be shipped to (place and country of final destination)
on the (vessel)
sailing from (port)
on or about (date).....
has been graded by a certified Timber Grader in accordance with the Malaysian Grading Rules for Sawn Hardwood Timber; that the timber is of the kinds and grades shown in the Summary below; and that the appropriate Grade and other marks shown in the attached Schedule of Timber Shipped have been placed on the timber.

SUMMARY

Kind of Timber
Specifications.....
Grades
Total number of pieces
Total volume = cubic metres.
Timber graded for (name of Buyer)
on (date) by certified Timber Grader(s)
Number(s)

.....
Grading Authority
Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation

Date of Issuance

Date of Expiry

IMPORTANT NOTES

- (i) Volumes shown in this Grading Certificate have been taken from the Schedule of Timber Shipped prepared by the Buyer and are not guaranteed by the Grading Authority.
- (ii) Timber is graded and measured as the Timber Grader finds it, and Certificates of Grades applies only for the date of inspection of the timber. Buyers are advised to request re-grading of the timber and the issue of a new Grading Certificate should the lapse of time or method of treatment or storage of the timber between examination and shipment permit the possibility of degrade.
- (iii) In respect of timber received in an unsatisfactory condition, it should be brought to the attention of the Grading Authority as soon as possible by the affected parties.

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Regulation 7)

SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADE MARKS

(i) General Market Specifications and Strips

STIDC *	STIDC SEL	STIDC A	STIDC C	STIDC S	STIDC U
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(ii) Scantlings

STIDC SEL & UP	STIDC A	STIDC C	STIDC S	STIDC U
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(iii) Shorts

STIDC *	STIDC SEL	STIDC A	STIDC C	STIDC S
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(iv) Door and Window Frames

STIDC
DWF

(v) Railway Sleeper (Ties) and Crossings

STIDC SLS	STIDC SLA
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(vi) Wagon Planks

STIDC
WP

(vii) Cross Arms

STIDC ARM (SEL)	STIDC ARM (A)
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(viii) Decks

STIDC
DECK

(ix) Baulks

STIDC
BAULK

(x) When the grouping of grades is specified, the grade mark used on all pieces in the group will be that of the lowest grade with the letters "& UP" added.

One exception to this is in "utility and better" (merchantable), the grade mark for which will be:

STIDC
MERCH

THE THIRD SCHEDULE
(Regulation 8)



PERBADANAN KEMAJUAN PERUSAHAAN KAYU SARAWAK
(SARAWAK TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR TIMBER GRADER

CERTIFICATE NO:

This is to certify that

.....
the holder of Identity Card no.

is a registered Timber Grader
competent to grade sawn timber under the
Malaysian Grading Rules for Sawn Hardwood Timber

.....
GRADING AUTHORITY
Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation

Date of issue:.....

This certificate is valid for Sarawak only
Please refer to Renewal Booklet for grading competency Details

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE
(Regulation 10)

FEEES

- (a) Grading - RM10.00 per cubic metre subject to a minimum fee of RM500.00 per grading
- (b) Check grading - RM1.00 per cubic metre subject to a minimum fee of RM50.00 for each checking or each certificate issued.
- (c) Inspection - RM5.00 per cubic metre subject to a minimum fee of RM250.00 per inspection.
- (d) Timber identification - RM10.00 per sample or subject to a minimum fee of RM50.00.
- (e) Amendment of Grading Certificate – RM10.00 per amendment
- (f) Replacement of Grading Certificate due damage or loss – RM50.00
- (g) Renewal of Timber Graders' Annual Registration - RM 50.00.
- (h) Replacement of Timber Grader Booklet – RM50.00
- (i) Re-issuance of Certificate of Competency – RM 50.00

Made by the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri this 8th day of January, 2008



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