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Consultation Coordinator
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Dear Sir/Madam

Jardine Matheson is a long-established business with deep roots in Asia and extensive operations in a number of countries in the region. We are committed to working with the businesses in which we invest to promote sustainable business practices, while also supporting the livelihood of local communities.

We recognise the urgent need to address climate change and protect biodiversity. Combatting the clearance of conservation-value forests across the world is important to tackling both these challenges. Many businesses - including those in which Jardines is invested - are playing an important role in establishing sustainable supply chains, but further work is required by all stakeholders to prevent the clearance of conservation-value forests and counter forest degradation.

Jardine Matheson supports efforts by governments in Asia and around the world to promote biodiversity, including the proposed UK legislation aimed at ensuring that companies only use responsibly sourced 'forest risk' commodities, and the EU initiative to reduce the impact on deforestation and forest degradation of products sold in the EU.

Together with our individual businesses we are committed to working with governments and other stakeholders to deepen our understanding of the complex challenges involved in ensuring sustainable agricultural practices, while supporting the economic livelihood of local communities, and the important role businesses like ours can play. Together we can secure the urgent changes needed to protect our planet and build a greener, fairer and more resilient global economy which ensures prosperity for future generations.

Yours faithfully

