

## **Further Information on the Joint Venture**

United Plantations(UP) and Fuji Oils have agreed to further strengthen their business collaboration by building a factory, on UP's Ulu Bernam Estate, through the formed 50:50 Joint Venture Company UniFuji Sdn Bhd.

The state-of-the-art factory, at an estimated cost of RM 140 million, will produce value added palm fractions based on UP's certified sustainable and traceable palm oil and Fuji's expertise on technical capabilities and high quality food standards. The construction is progressing well and it is expected that commissioning of the factory will take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018.

This Joint Venture will not have any effect on the share capital and shareholding structure of UP. In addition, the joint venture will not have any material effect on the net tangible asset of the Company in the current financial year ending 31 December 2017. This investment is expected to contribute positively to the earnings of the UP Group in the medium term.

Both United Plantations and Fuji Oils have commented on the expanded business collaboration as follows:

"Fuji Oils is a very good match in terms of their Values and their Commitment on doing business with a long-term perspective. Combined with their Technical capabilities and well-developed relations with many international customers, we are confident that this collaboration has got the right foundation for a successful future together." Said Dato' Carl Bek-Nielsen, the Chief Executive Director of UP.

"United Plantations is an ideal match for us based on their in-depth knowledge of the palm oil business and strong focus on sustainable agricultural production. I am confident that the combination of UP's certified sustainable and traceable palm oil combined with our technological capabilities, will create positive synergy effects for both parties going forward." Said President and Chief Executive Officer of Fuji Oils, Mr Shimizu san.

Further information on Fuji Oils:

### **Fuji Oil Holdings Inc.**

Fuji Oil, established in 1950, is a leading corporate group engaged in the development, production, and sale of food ingredients. Its business is centered around the three fields of oils and fats, confectionery and bakery ingredients, as well as soy protein and has business operations spread into twelve countries with 32 factories and offices globally. Fuji Oil is the largest oils & fats processor in Japan and has its headquarters in Osaka Japan. See also the Fuji Oil Group's website for further information: <http://www.fujioilholdings.com/en/>.