



**MEETING OF THE SEA USERS' GROUP
HELD AT WFP SHIPPING SERVICE OFFICE
JL.JEND. SUDIRMAN No.: 15, GEUCEU – BANDA ACEH
ON
2 June AT 11:00 HRS**

Present:

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ITEM 1: Adoption of minutes from 19 May meeting:

Jens Baekholm opened the meeting and last week's minutes were adopted without any changes.

ITEM 2: Overview of ships on Charter:

The Shipping Service has chartered two new vessels in Jakarta.

- The Niaga Jaya 12 loaded the first cargo out of Jakarta comprised of approximately 600 MT of construction materials for UNDP.
- The Bintang Samudera will be loading materials today including the remainder of construction materials for UNDP and some containers for BRR.

He reminded the group that the Shipping Service can pick up cargo from Jakarta provided there is a minimum of 300 MTs by utilizing the vessels that will be carrying timber from Kalimantan. In addition, WFPSS has lots of equipment on hand including forklifts, duramats etc. We are also training more drivers with the intention of placing them in each location to operate the forklifts.





ITEM 3: Timber Documentation

Mischa briefed the group on required timber documentation. BRR has yet to publish the final list of “Required Documentation for Timber Shipments in Indonesia.” The final version is expected to be released mid-June in time for the Timber trade show that will be held in Medan on 15-16 June. Participants were provided with a copy of the Fact Sheet on Timber Procurement within Indonesia.

Jens told the group that WFPSS and Concern have been facing challenges with their most recent timber shipment. The L/C Sumber Power was arrested in Ulee Lhue port because of alleged incomplete documentation. There is a conflict between the authorities in Medan, who claim that the documentation is complete, and those in Banda Aceh who say that the documents are not in order.

Andreas from IFRC told the group that they have also had problems with road transportation and the confiscation of trucks.

One main problem seems to be that suppliers are under the impression that they do not need to issue the required documents for timber shipments.

Oxfam mentioned that they had a ship stuck in Calang for three weeks earlier in the year and police were requesting payment to release the cargo.

Constraints for timber shipments include the following:

- the need for accurate shipping dates, which often change due to delays: If the dates on the documentation are wrong, the docs are null and void
- suppliers do not usually know whether the timber is even legal
- each agency is dealing with problems individually rather than one focal point acting as a united front on behalf of all agencies (as was the case with UNJLC)
- guidelines on what documents are required have not been finalized

Jens told the group that WFPSS in Belewani is working closely with Timber officials to ensure that future shipments go smoothly.

ITEM 4: Review of Completed Shipments

Zhen-Zhen reviewed the completed shipments to date and advised that there are 63 users of the shipping service. The sum total shipped thus far is 31,470.94 MT / 101,527.09 meters³, not including approximately 600 mt that is still at sea.

IFRC told the group that they will be shipping a large quantity of shelter units from Medan in the coming months. Andreas is travelling to Simelue next week to meet with CARE and other implementing partners to identify possible storage places for the shelters. He asked where WFPSS can land along the island, as they will need to position 300 units in both the north and the south by the second week in July. Jens mentioned that they are building a ramp





in Sinabang and there are other possibilities however if IFRC needs to land on the beach we will have to do an assessment of possible sites for beaching. A new Port Captain will be coming on board who has extensive knowledge of the island therefore IFRC should get in contact with them.

IFRC and WFPSS agreed to discuss more details after the meeting.

ITEM 5: IOKIO Omniscope

Zhen-Zhen presented the IOKIO Omniscope software to the group. Since the trial phase in March, WFPSS has obtained the license and will now be posting snapshots of our pipeline bi-weekly. Users can download the software to view:

- 1) Pipeline information including confirmed and completed shipments
- 2) Voyage data including ETAs sailing schedules
- 3) Vessel positions

The software can be downloaded from the WFPSS website, which will allow users to view the snapshots as they are updated on our website.

The meeting was concluded at 1200 hrs.

The next user group meeting will be held at 1100 hrs on 16 June 2006.

