



APRIL Grows Partnership with UNEP to Honor Global Environmental Leaders

- Supports first global business forum for the environment with UNEP and UN Global Compact

(12 February 2007, Singapore) – APRIL, one of the world’s leading producers of fiber, pulp and paper, and The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) renewed their partnership to recognize outstanding environmental achievers and leaders in UNEP’s Champions of the Earth 2007 awards.

The 2007 Champions, selected for their outstanding contribution to the protection of the environment through the sustainable management of natural resources, include: Al Gore of the United States; Viveka Bohn of Sweden; Marina Silva of Brazil; Elisea Gozun of the Philippines; Cherif Rahmani of Algeria; HRH Prince Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan; and Jacques Rogge and the International Olympic Committee.

“Sustainable development and environmental protection are key imperatives of our business. This is the reason we partner with the UNEP on the Champions of the Earth Awards which share and best exemplify these advocacies,” said Mr A J Devanesan, President of APRIL. “We hope that this Award will inspire individuals, businesses, governments and other organizations to join hands in responsibly managing the Earth’s resources.”

In addition, APRIL is also a key partner of B4E - the Global Business Summit for the Environment, the first major international conference focusing on business and the environment to be held in Asia. This conference is co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Program and the United Nations Global Compact.

APRIL, a signatory to the Global Compact, is committed to sustainability by developing fiber plantations that conserve environmental values, drive economic development, and

help empower local people. In any concession lands under its care, the company protects all areas that are assessed to have high conservation value, including biodiversity sites, wildlife corridors and sites with significant cultural, religious and/or community value.

The Champions of the Earth Awards ceremony will be held in Singapore on April 19, 2007. More information about the program is available at www.unep.org/champions/.

About APRIL (www.aprilasia.com)

APRIL, with offices in Singapore and operations in Indonesia and China, is a leading producer of fiber, pulp and paper. APRIL operates one of the world's largest pulp mills with an annual production capacity of 2,000,000 tonnes in Indonesia. The company is committed to protecting the natural resources in its care through sustainable management of its mills and plantation operations to benefit our stakeholders, both now and in the future.

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