



For Immediate Release

GROWING TREES FROM PLANTATION TO PARK

- Largest number of trees planted at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park this year by APRIL Group and community members

SINGAPORE, 28 November 2015 - "APRIL Group plants more than 150 million trees a year, but this is the first time, I believe, we are doing so in Singapore. It is a wonderful and meaningful way of commemorating Singapore's 50th anniversary," said APRIL Group President, Mr Praveen Singhavi.

In support of National Parks Board (NParks)'s Clean and Green SG50 (CG SG50) Mass Tree Planting, APRIL Group, together with some 400 stakeholders and community including members of the public, Nanyang Polytechnic students and corporate guests, planted 250 trees at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio park this morning. This represents the largest number of trees planted at the park this year, and also the second largest number of trees sponsored by a partner for the CG SG50 Mass Tree Planting.

The tree planting event is part of APRIL Group's five-year contribution of S\$100,000 to NParks through its registered charity and IPC, Garden City Fund. The contribution included the enhancement of a butterfly habitat in Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park in July this year.

"This initiative is a powerful reminder of the importance of trees and forests in meeting the climate challenge. At APRIL, we are not only in the business of growing trees for production purposes, but also conserving and restoring forests. We will be announcing plans that will bring us even closer to meeting our 1-for-1 hectare plantation to conservation commitment at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris next week," added Mr Singhavi.

As part of CGSG50 Mass Tree Planting, NParks, together with its partners and the community, will plant over 5,000 trees at more than 50 sites island-wide from 1 August to end December 2015 at parks, park connectors and nature ways. These trees were selected based on several considerations, including historical relevance, ecological relevance and habitat enhancement.



About APRIL Group

APRIL Group is a leading producer of fibre, pulp and paper with manufacturing operations in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau Province, Indonesia. APRIL is a pioneer in the implementation of sustainability best practices in Indonesia's pulp and paper industry, including the elimination of deforestation from its supply chain. APRIL Group is working towards conserving, protecting and restoring one hectare of high value conservation forest for every hectare of renewable plantation concession. Today, APRIL Group conserves more than 250,000 hectares with a further 70,000 hectares undergoing ecosystem restoration.

For more information, visit www.aprilasia.com and follow Twitter #aprilpulp.

Media Contact:

Felicia TANG

Tel: (+65) 9776 1963

Email: felicia_tang@rgei.com

###