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Bornion Timber gets MTCS recognition

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Kota Kinabalu: Bornion Timber Sdn Bhd, a Forest Management Unit (FMU) player, was successfully certified under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) for both natural and plantation forests.

The company, which is a pioneer in the pursuance of good forest management through the FMU policy, obtained full certification for both its natural forest (40,645.50 hectares) and tree plantations (25,536.71 hectares, under the MTCS which is affiliated to the PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification).

The PEFC is a standard that is widely used in Europe for legality and sustainability credence.

It is also accepted by timber buyers in Australia and New Zealand.

This was announced to the Forestry Department by the licensee in mid-January 2017.

The certification is an assurance of responsible behaviour, good forest governance and trustworthiness in the management of forests.

Bornion now stands in the same class of FMU performers, and land owners, who have obtained full certification such as Sabah Foundation, KTS Plantation Sdn Bhd, Lebihasil Sdn Bhd, Maxland Sdn Bhd, Sabah Softwoods Bhd, Boonrich Sdn Bhd and Acacia Forest Industries.

Apart from the Sabah Foundation, Bornion has the second biggest extend of fully certified forests at 66,182.21 hectares, or 255 square miles (662 square kilometers).

The company took 20 years to pursue the certification through trial and error, substantial investments to address various issues and a steep learning curve, in sharpening its human and managerial skills.

Meanwhile, the Forestry Department congratulated Bornion Timber Sdn Bhd, particularly its chairman and top executives for not giving up its pursuance of the gold standard in forest management.

"They have led from the top," the department said in a statement.

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