

*“We have faced many people having this misperception on our operation in Wawonii Island. People thought that our operation covers almost 10-30% of the island, but that is not true. As a matter of fact, our area of operation is less than 1% of the island. Many wrongly blame us for environmental issue that is happening across the island, which is impossible since we are only operating in such small part of the island.”*

- an additional statement from Strategic Communication Manager Pak Alexander (Manager StratComm-Harita GKP) (Alexander quoted in digi piece who can also be contacted for interviews)

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On Water Issues

*High intensity rainfall is the main cause of turbid water. The origins people of Wawonii definitely know what the conditions are like, when the heavy rainy season comes. This was really common here, long before there were mining activities.*

*In fact, the presence of GKP provides a solution to this problems that always happen every year when the heavy rain season come on Wawonii Island.*

On Land Issues

*GKP is a very law-abiding company.*

*All government regulations, permits, and provisions have been fulfilled. And we really appreciate the local wisdom and culture of the people here. The proof is, even though we are in a forest area, we still give compensation for the profits from growing crops fairly to the community.*

*We don't have a term for buying and selling land, because it is a forest area and is prohibited by law. What we do is give compensation for the profits from growing crops. As a form of our gratitude to the residents who have carried out planting activities in the area.*