

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Davant Commodities Ltd

1.2 Membership Number

8-0311-24-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

United Kingdom

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

No

2.2 Please select all the sectors that best describe the business activities of your company or organisation, including your primary RSPO membership sector. You may select multiple sectors and will be required to complete the ACOP form for the relevant sectors

- ☐ I am a bank or financial institution that finances or supports companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- ☐ I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- ☐ I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- ☒ I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Davant Commodities Ltd specializes in international trade and marketing of commodities, with a focus on fertilizers like rock phosphate and biochar. The company is actively involved in:

Sourcing and supplying high-quality products: Ensuring compliance with environmental and regulatory standards.

Promoting sustainable practices: Exploring innovative applications of biochar in industrial processes, such as steelmaking and construction.

Building global partnerships: Collaborating with international stakeholders to expand market reach and foster sustainable development.

Addressing technical challenges: Providing solutions for issues like high arsenic content in raw materials.

Driving innovation: Leading projects to decarbonize industries and optimize energy efficiency.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

Davant Commodities Ltd has actively contributed to promoting sustainable practices and aligning with RSPO principles during the reporting period. Key activities include:

Exploring sustainable applications of Palm Kernel Shells (PKS): Conducting research and development to convert PKS into biochar for industrial processes, such as steelmaking and construction, which supports RSPO's sustainability goals.

Collaborating with RSPO members: Partnering with stakeholders to ensure compliance with environmental standards and promote sustainable palm oil production.

Advocating for sustainable practices: Engaging in discussions and initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable palm oil and its by-products.

Innovating in downstream applications: Developing solutions to utilize PKS in renewable energy generation and soil amendment, contributing to the circular economy.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

0.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

No

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

Davant Commodities Ltd's work on palm oil, particularly the sustainable utilization of Palm Kernel Shells (PKS), is funded through internal resources, collaborative partnerships, and project-specific funding. Currently, the organization is actively applying for an innovation grant to support its ongoing project that focuses on utilizing PKS-derived biochar in industrial applications. This grant aims to facilitate further research and development, enabling sustainable and economically viable solutions aligned with RSPO's objectives.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

Davant Commodities Ltd plans to take the following actions in the coming year to promote the production and consumption of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO):

Advancing Research on Sustainable Applications of Palm Kernel Shells (PKS):

Conducting further R&D to enhance the use of PKS-derived biochar in industrial processes, such as steelmaking and construction, which aligns with the sustainability goals of CSPO.

Testing PKS biochar in additional applications, including renewable energy and soil health improvement, to demonstrate its environmental and economic benefits.

Strengthening Collaboration with RSPO Members:

Engaging with partners along the palm oil supply chain to create awareness about the advantages of sourcing CSPO and sustainable by-products like PKS.

Partnering with industry stakeholders to share best practices and knowledge for sustainable palm oil production and utilization.

Promoting Education and Awareness:

Organizing webinars, workshops, or presentations to inform businesses and consumers about the benefits of CSPO and the role of PKS in supporting sustainability.

Sharing success stories and research findings to encourage adoption of RSPO-certified products.

Pursuing Innovation Grants:

Continuing efforts to secure innovation funding for projects that utilize PKS in sustainable industrial applications, furthering the mission of RSPO.

Contributing to Sustainability Initiatives:

Actively participating in RSPO initiatives and discussions to advocate for the broader adoption of CSPO and its downstream applications.

Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☐ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☐ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☐ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☐ Human rights issues
- ☐ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☒ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☐ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Supply issues
- ☐ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☒ Others

Others

Davant Commodities Ltd has encountered the following obstacles and challenges in the promotion of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO):

Challenges:

Reputation Issues:

Misconceptions about the environmental and social impact of palm oil production, leading to skepticism among stakeholders about supporting CSPO initiatives.

Difficulty convincing certain markets and consumers that certified sustainable options are genuinely different from non-certified ones.

Supply Chain Limitations:

Inconsistent availability of RSPO-certified raw materials, such as PKS, which affects the ability to scale downstream applications sustainably.

Limited infrastructure or logistics in certain regions, impacting the seamless integration of CSPO products into existing supply chains.

Efforts to Address Challenges:

Building Awareness and Trust:

Engaging with stakeholders and communities to communicate the benefits of CSPO and its downstream applications, such as PKS biochar, in industrial processes.

Participating in RSPO-led initiatives to support transparency and traceability efforts, reinforcing the credibility of sustainable practices.

Collaborative Solutions:

Forming partnerships with RSPO members to ensure a consistent supply of certified materials and encourage adoption of sustainable products.

Exploring innovation grants to enhance research and infrastructure for scaling sustainable applications of CSPO by-products.

Market Education:

Sharing success stories and research findings to highlight the practical and environmental benefits of CSPO in industrial applications.

Promoting the adoption of RSPO certifications as a business standard through webinars and collaborative forums.

1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☒ Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- ☐ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☒ Engagement with government agencies
- ☐ Engagement with peers and clients
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☐ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☐ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☒ Research & Development support
- ☐ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☒ Others

Others

Davant Commodities Ltd has supported RSPO's vision to transform markets and make sustainable palm oil the norm through the following additional efforts:

Promoting Sustainable By-products:

Advocated for the utilization of Palm Kernel Shells (PKS) as a sustainable resource, highlighting their environmental benefits and economic value in industrial applications, such as biochar production.

Strengthening Collaborative Efforts:

Engaged with industry leaders, academics, and RSPO members to share knowledge and foster innovation in palm oil sustainability, ensuring alignment with RSPO standards.

Driving Awareness Campaigns:

Actively participated in discussions and forums to educate markets about the importance of sustainable palm oil and its by-products, encouraging wider adoption of RSPO-certified products.

Expanding Research Opportunities:

Pursued innovation grants and initiated research projects to develop novel applications for PKS, aligning with RSPO's sustainability goals.

Advancing Sustainability in Industrial Practices:

Promoted the integration of RSPO-certified palm oil by-products into green technologies, such as renewable energy systems and soil health improvement solutions.

1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

Davant Commodities Ltd shares updates and information about its palm oil-related policies and activities primarily through its LinkedIn profile and the RSPO website. These platforms provide insights into the company's initiatives, collaborations, and progress in promoting sustainable practices.
