

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organisation

BCS Öko Garantie Colombia S.A.S.

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#### 1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- Palm Oil Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Affiliate

#### 1.3 Membership number

8-0200-17-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

Organisations

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

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## Affiliates

### 1. Operational Profile

#### 1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

BCS OKO GARANTIE COLOMBIA S.A.S. belongs to the KIWA GROUP. The Kiwa that gives the present-day company its name was founded in 1948 by the Dutch drinking water companies. They wanted to safeguard drinking water supply in the country by having every item that might come into contact with drinking water, examined. In those days, KIWA (in capitals) was an acronym for Keuringsinstituut voor WaterleidingArtikelen (Institution for the Examination of Waterworks Articles). Nowadays, we've dropped the acronym as today's Kiwa comprises much more than just drinking water expertise. We're globally active in a wealth of markets, offering a broad range of products and services. Kiwa BCS has more than 27 years of experience in organic certification and 4 years of experience in RSPO certification. In 1992, BCS was the first German certificate to be registered in accordance with the European Union Organic Regulation (EEC 2092/91). According to its versatile accreditations, records and collaborations, Kiwa BCS is able to provide access to all organic markets (Global Organic Market) all over the world at one time. Kiwa BCS provides services in around 80 countries in the world with its local branches and local auditor network. We do so in a wide variety of markets segments, ranging from construction and energy supply to drinking water, healthcare, food, feed & farming. Areas of expertise include management systems, corporate social responsibility and lab testing, among many others. We have clients in manufacturing and process industries, (business) services, public and private utilities, governments and international institutions. Kiwa employs over 4.300 people in more than 100 offices in over 45 countries across the world, mainly in Europe, Asia and Latin America. We have accreditation to provide RSPO Certification (P&C and SCC) with the following geographical scope: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru. We also have accreditation and experience in other certification standards such as GLOBALG.A.P. and its Add-on modules, Food safety standards and authorization for 4C and ISCC.

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

We have published on social networks such as twitter, Facebook, on the Kiwa website, motivating the RSPO certification. Meetings with stakeholders motivating the certification process.

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

10.0%

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

Yes

#### 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?

Once obtained the accreditation, we depend on the sales we make for the provision of the service.

## 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)

A restructuring of the certification service fees is carried out and combined audits are carried out to make access to certification more affordable. BCS promotes the seal through meetings with clients, stakeholders, participation in RSPO events, seal publicity on our social networks and web pages.

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### 3. Challenges

#### 3.1 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

Delays in the reply by competent authorities on legal issues: It affects the members, efforts: before starting the audit process, BCS reminds about the importance of managing the legal procedures on time. High costs of accreditation to provide the certification service. Efforts: Increase the number of clients to be more competitive and we can more actively promote certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO).

#### 3.2 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?

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- 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

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

RSPO Certification Link: [www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?fbclid=IwAR1fL8bsmphYxqeHWv1mwqXa9TONwkCBSPan5eiws3uOwTT75ciMww1POro](http://www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?fbclid=IwAR1fL8bsmphYxqeHWv1mwqXa9TONwkCBSPan5eiws3uOwTT75ciMww1POro) Corporate social responsibility  
<https://www.kiwa.com/en/about-kiwa/corporate-social-responsibility-csr/>