

STRAITS ENERGY SECURES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD FOR SETIU WETLANDS REFORESTATION PROJECT

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Dato' Seri Tengku Baharuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah (third left), Chairman of Straits Energy Resources and Benua Hijau; Benua Hijau project director Dr Paul Yap (叶保安); Dato' Sri Ron Ho Kam Choy (何锦财), Managing Director of Straits Energy Resources; and Puan Harison Binti Yusoff, Non-Independent Non-Executive Director, Straits Energy Resources, celebrate securing the Environmental Sustainability Award at the ESG PLUS Awards 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, together with Benua Hijau executives.

From left:

- 1) Nur Husnina Binti Azni, Project Coordinator, Benua Hijau
- 2) Amirizam Bin Ahmad, Assistant Project Manager, Benua Hijau

- 3) Dato' Seri Tengku Baharuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Chairman of Straits Energy Resources and Benua Hijau
- 4) Benua Hijau project director Dr Paul Yap (叶保安)
- 5) Dato' Sri Ron Ho Kam Choy (何锦财), Managing Director of Straits Energy Resources
- 6) Puan Harison Binti Yusoff, Non-Independent Non-Executive Director , Straits Energy Resources
- 7) Muhammad Naim Mustaqqim Bin Mohamed — Project Coordinator , Benua Hijau
- 8) Abdul Muhaimin Bin Noor Azman — Assistant Project Coordinator, Benua Hijau

KUALA LUMPUR, December 13th, 2025 — Straits Energy Resources Berhad 海峡能源有限公司 (“Straits” or “Company”), a Bursa Malaysia-listed company, announced today that its subsidiary, Benua Hijau Sdn Bhd (“Benua Hijau”), has secured the **Environmental Sustainability Award** under the **Biodiversity & Natural Resources Protection** category at the **ESG PLUS Awards**. The award recognises Benua Hijau’s record-setting ESG and CSR initiative to restore massive swathes of degraded forest in the Setiu Wetlands State Park, one of the largest natural wetlands in the East Coast region of Peninsular Malaysia.

As one of Asia’s emerging ESG recognition platforms, the **ESG PLUS Awards** is dedicated to recognising outstanding businesses and entrepreneurs who are driving sustainable impact and transformation through their commitment to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) excellence. Its strategic partners include the ESG Association of Malaysia and Baker Tilly Malaysia.

Dato’ Sri Ron Ho Kam Choy, Managing Director of Straits Energy Resources Berhad, said:

“Securing this award is a clear recognition of our long-term vision and strategy for ESG initiatives at Straits Energy. We are taking a proactive, hands-on approach to environmental and social sustainability that we

believe will translate into meaningful impact. Together with our partners and stakeholders, we will continue our efforts to restore the natural beauty of the Setiu Wetlands and create a positive impact that will benefit future generations.”

Dr. Paul Yap, Benua Hijau Project Director, said:

“As we celebrate this award, we wish to thank and acknowledge the continued support we have received from key stakeholders, including Yayasan DiRaja Sultan Mizan (YDSM), the Terengganu State Parks Management Council (MPTN), and the Setiu Land Office. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the numerous educational institutions in Terengganu and the local NGOs that have participated in this massive reforestation effort. Their commitment and hands-on involvement have been instrumental in driving community awareness, expanding conservation knowledge, and accelerating the restoration of this critical ecosystem. This award is as much theirs as it is ours.”

Spanning over 50,000 acres, the Setiu Wetlands is made up of forests lining riverbanks, freshwater Pokok Gelam swamps, peat swamps, mangroves, brackish water lagoons with vegetated sand islands, seagrass beds, and sandy beaches. It is the only wetland in Malaysia with nine interconnected, biodiverse ecosystems — the sea, beach, mudflat, lagoon, estuary, river, islands, coastal forest, and mangrove forest.

Benua Hijau aims to plant 100,000 Pokok Gelam trees in the Setiu Wetlands within five years, rehabilitating 200 acres of degraded forest using the indigenous Melaleuca tree species. In September 2025, Benua Hijau officially entered the Malaysia Book of Records for the “Largest Melaleuca cajuputi Tree Planting Event,” mobilizing a massive community effort that saw over 12,000 Pokok Gelam (Melaleuca cajuputi) tree saplings planted in a single day.