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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Agency Background

Cocoa Research & Development Centre Kunak is located at Madai Baturong, Kunak, KM 27, Simpang Jalan Tingkayu/Kunak, W.D.T 175, Sabah, 91207 Kunak, Malaysia. GPS references at latitude 4.756078 , longitude 118.089705. The total area of the estate are 1213.62 Ha / 2998.94 Acs.

1.2 Company Background

The rapid expansion of the cocoa industry in the late 1970s and early 1980s has triggered the realization that the multi faceted activities of the industry would have to be coordinated and integrated under an umbrella organization to ensure its continued healthy growth. Thus, the Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) was established. The Act for the establishment of the MCB passed by Parliament in July 1988 and was gazette as ACT 343 on 8 September 1988. MCB was officially in operation on 18 July 1989.

The Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) is a federal statutory agency under the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (previously called Ministry of Primary Industries Malaysia until 2004). The Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) was established under the Act of Parliament 343 (incorporated) in 1988 and has been in operation since 1989. The main objective is to develop the cocoa industry in Malaysia to be well integrated and competitive in the global market. Emphases were given to increasing productivity and efficiency in cocoa bean production and increasing downstream activities. Figure 1.2 shows the logo of MCB.



Figure 1.2: MCB logo.