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SD Guthrie Ranks Top in Global SPOTT Palm Oil Assessment

Scoring 97.5% in SPOTT, an initiative by Zoological Society of London, Guthrie leads in transparency of disclosure on sustainability practices among global palm oil companies

Petaling Jaya, 4 November 2025 – SD Guthrie Berhad scored a first, coming in top spot in the annual SPOTT palm oil assessment. Scoring an outstanding 97.5% in the assessment, Guthrie’s remarkable accomplishment marks a significant leap forward in its sustainability journey, reflecting years of dedicated effort, transparency, and commitment to responsible palm oil production.

Developed by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), SPOTT scores palm oil, tropical forestry, and natural rubber companies annually against over 100 sector-specific Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) indicators to benchmark their progress over time.

“Guthrie’s climb to the number one rank on SPOTT reflects our commitment to responsible agriculture, traceability and responsible sourcing, all of which are critical in strengthening the trust of our stakeholders. We are delighted that our continuous effort to improve our transparency and disclosures have been reflected in this higher score,” said Rashyid Redza Anwarudin, Guthrie’s Chief Sustainability Officer. In 2024, Guthrie came in third place with a score of 94.8%.

Top 10 Companies Ranked In The 2025 SPOTT Assessment

COMPANY	RANK	TOTAL SCORE	CHANGE	TOTAL INDICATORS	DISCLOSURE	ENGAGED	HEADQUARTERS	LANDBANK	MARKET CAP
SD Guthrie Bhd	1	97.5%	+2.7	191			Malaysia	641.8 KHa	\$7,788.3M
United Plantations Bhd	=2	97.1%	+1.1	184			Malaysia	57.8 KHa	\$2,646.4M
R.E.A. Holdings plc	=2	97.1%	+5.6	172			United Kingdom	69.1 KHa	\$45.8M
Daabon Group	4	96.4%	-1.0	182			Colombia	20.8 KHa	Private co.
Dharma Satya Nusantara Tbk	5	95.7%	+4.7	173			Indonesia	131.2 KHa	\$788.5M
Johor Plantations Group Bhd (previously Kulim (Malaysia) Bhd)	6	95.1%	+6.3	162			Malaysia	55.8 KHa	\$732.2M
Apical Group	7	95%	+1.7	121			Singapore	N/A	Private co.
AgroAmerica	8	93.6%	+3.5	184			Guatemala	24.4 KHa	Private co.
Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd	9	92.5%	+0.5	189			Singapore	100.1 KHa	Private co.
Wilmar International Ltd	10	92.4%	+0.1	192			Singapore	351.2 KHa	\$14,733.6M

Disclosure Types:  Organisation  Policy  Practice

SPOTT evaluates how openly companies disclose their sustainability practices, supporting the financial sector and supply chain stakeholders to manage ESG risk through its assessment of the public disclosure and reporting of soft commodity companies. For the palm oil industry, it assesses 100 producers, processors and traders on their public disclosure regarding their organisation, policies and practices related to ESG issues. Each company receives a percentage score to benchmark their progress over time.

“Achieving transparency of sustainability practices across our entire organisation is no mean feat, given the magnitude of Guthrie’s global operations. This achievement reinforces our determination to continue pushing the envelope, to set standards that will catalyse positive change within the industry, through engagements and collaborations,” Rashyid added.

Among the top 10 companies on SPOTT this year, Guthrie holds the largest landbank. It operates in 12 countries, with upstream operations in Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, and serves customers in more than 80 countries. More than 46,000 smallholders are part of Guthrie's supply chain, adding complexity to transparency initiatives. By 2035, Guthrie expects to support at least 50,000 smallholders which will offer greater market access to communities that may otherwise be marginalised. Guthrie is also the world's first palm oil company with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

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About SD Guthrie Berhad

SD Guthrie Berhad is a responsible global leader in Certified Sustainable Palm Oil production, employing over 83,000 people who serve the needs of food consumers and brands in 86 countries. All our palm oil is fully traceable and deforestation-free.

Our 200-year history has led us to where we are today – a leader in innovation, developing next-generation robotics and technology-driven solutions for the palm oil and agri-business sector. We are addressing demand for renewable energy through the creation of solar projects and high-performance industrial parks, drawing on our sustainability leadership to expand our horizons and create a future-ready company.

Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do. As the world’s first palm oil company with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), we push boundaries with our enhanced sustainability framework, “Beyond Zero”, driving meaningful change in our sector.

SD Guthrie operates 234 plantation estates in Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, supported by 11 refineries with a combined annual capacity of four million metric tonnes. We produce 12% of all certified sustainable palm oil in the world. We produce and sell a diverse range of palm oil derivatives including oleochemicals, biodiesel and nutraceuticals, and we are actively engaged in the development and commercialisation of super high-yielding oil palm seeds that are more resistant to the challenges of climate change.

Listed on Bursa Malaysia (KLSE: SDG) with a market capitalisation of RM36.90 billion (USD8.78 billion) as of 3 November 2025, SD Guthrie is a strategic company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad, Malaysia’s largest unit trust company and our major shareholder. We are supported by a large institutional base of investors including Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (Employees Provident Fund) and Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) (Retirement Fund (Incorporated)).

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