

## **SIMPANG BAYAT COMMUNITY and PT. BPP AGREES TO END THE LAND DISPUTE**

**Bayunglencir** – The communities of Simpang Bayat Village, Bayunglencir sub-district, Musi Banyuasin District/Regency, South Sumatra, on Monday (5/12) have agreed with PT. Bumi Persada Permai to end the long-standing 258.8-hectare land conflict. Suhardi, a community leader of Simpang Bayat said "Today's implementation is the result of the consensus of efforts to resolve land conflicts that have been ongoing for about 4 years through a process of discussion, meeting and negotiation. Alhamdulillah, without any turmoil, the company has heard our aspirations, and today this land issue can be ended and witnessed directly by the Head of Simpang Bayat Village, representatives of EcoNusantara, and the district head of PT. BPP and its relevant staff," he explained.

EcoNusantara has been assisting community members to go through negotiation and non-violent dialogues to end the conflict that has been up and down since April 2019, "Alhamdulillah, this conflict was resolved very well and without any party feeling disadvantaged, as befits land conflicts that have occurred so far," said Zulfahmi, Director of EcoNusantara. "We will continue to push for conflict resolution efforts in a peaceful and dignified manner," he added.

Abdullah Bakrie as Head of PT BPP's Conflict Resolution Team explained that with this land conflict resolution, the company will fulfill its obligations, with the expectation that the company's relationship with the community will be even better in the future. "The company wants to find common ground solutions, not seek victory," he said.

The Head of Simpang Bayat Village, Faturrohman also appreciated the achievement of both parties who have agreed to end the conflict by peaceful means and put forward the communities' expectation. "We support the existence of companies that are concerned with the surrounding community, so that a sustainable village economy can be built collaboratively." He said.

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