

3. PT. Reka Maluta Anugerah (spices trader) (company profile attached in Annex 1)

- **In brief.**

RMA is a company based in North Maluku province, Republic of Indonesia. RMA's main business is the distribution of fuel for mining activities in North Maluku and its surroundings, as well as the trade of local agricultural and plantation products with an export orientation. With the founders' business experience of more than 30 years, PT RMA continues to develop its business through market expansion, especially for the trade of plantation and agricultural products.



- **Product.**

RMA markets agricultural commodity products typical of Eastern Indonesia, including:



- i. Copra.

Copra is a coconut derivative commodity that is not seasonal and is widely needed by various industries as raw materials such as coconut oil and the rest is used as feed for ruminant animals. The drier the copra (very low water content), the better the quality. In terms of color, copra is divided into white copra which is produced by drying under the sun / oven and black copra is produced through drying and smoking methods from the results of burning biomass so that the color becomes brown (dark). RMA has qualified resources in the production and trade of black copra (original copra) for more than 30 years for local and national needs. Until now, RMA has an independent capacity for black copra of 140-150 tons per month with the best water content of less than 2%.

- ii. Nutmeg.

Nutmeg is a plant that is highly sought after by foreign countries. The fruit, seeds, and flower seeds (mace) can be processed into spices that are very valuable. Nutmeg has 3 harvest periods each year.

The flesh of the fruit can be used as sweets, oil and nutmeg syrup. The seeds can be used as spices and are useful as natural food preservatives because they have antimicrobial activity. While the flowers of the nutmeg fruit (mace) can be used as spices and are very valuable. When harvested, ripe nutmeg is picked from the tree and then sorted to separate the fruit and seeds. The seeds are wrapped in flowers called mace. Mace is usually dried in the sun until dry. Nutmeg seeds are also dried for a certain period of time and then the seed shell is broken to take the inside as a spice,

iii. Clove.

Cloves are a commodity plant that is in great demand as one of the spices that is very valuable and has many benefits. Similar to nutmeg, cloves have a harvest season, which is around 1-2 times a year. Cloves are picked from the tree and then dried in the sun until dry. Cloves and nutmeg are very abundant and easy to find in the North Maluku mainland, until around the 17th century they became two spices that were highly sought after by Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese traders.

- **Business Objective.**

RMA is exploring opportunities to export its spices product, especially nutmeg and clove to the Chinese market. The spices we market are available in processed products. We want to explore cooperation with spices importers and traders from China, and if possible long-term cooperation with distributors in China.

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