Media Update

PTFI Plants 50 Thousand Mangroves in Gresik, Supporting Coastal Ecosystem Conservation

Gresik, February 26, 2025 -- PT Freeport Indonesia has planted 50 thousand mangroves around the PTFI Smelter operations area in the Gresik Special Economic Zone (KEK), to preserve the coastal ecosystem while supporting the National Mangrove Rehabilitation Acceleration Program.

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"A total of 50 thousand mangrove seedlings were planted from September 2024 to February 2025. This activity represents our efforts to support the rehabilitation and restoration of mangrove ecosystems in Indonesia," said Vice President Business Process Smelting & Refining of PTFI Smelter, Aripin Buman, in Gresik on Wednesday.

He explained that in the field implementation, PTFI partnered with the Gresik Regency Environmental Office and Wahana Edukasi Harapan Alam Semesta (Wehasta) through a conservation cooperation program. The series of mangrove planting activities began in September 2024 in Tajungwidoro Village with 15,000 seedlings, followed by Banyuwangi Village with 10,000 seedlings, Bedanten Village with 10,000 seedlings, Manyar Sidomukti Village with 3,000 seedlings, and ended in Karangrejo Village with 12,000 seedlings.

To conclude the 50,000 mangrove planting program, PTFI planted 2,000 mangrove seedlings in Karangrejo Village, Manyar, Gresik, on Saturday (22/2), coinciding with the 2025 National Waste Awareness Day (HPSN). Additionally, HPSN 2025 was filled with various activities such as Plogging Fun, which is a healthy walking activity while picking up trash, and also socialization about waste management, attended by 122 elementary school students from Karangrejo Village and 100 employees of the PTFI Smelter through the Employee Volunteer Program.

Aripin said that mangroves are the first line of defense for coastal and river ecosystems. Mangroves protect the land from abrasion and sea waves, become an important habitat for flora and fauna, as well as a source of air quality improvement and community income.

"This mangrove planting program aims to mitigate the impacts of climate change, improve community welfare, and create a more sustainable ecosystem," he said.

Tajungwidoro Village resident Zaini said the mangrove planting program conducted by the PTFI Smelter has had a major impact on the surrounding village communities. "So far, the planting program from PTFI has been very beneficial for our residents. One of the benefits is preventing further abrasion. Secondly, it can employ those who are not yet working, resulting in additional income," said Zaini.

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PTFI markets concentrate worldwide, and primarily to the first domestic copper smelter, operated by PT Smelting. PTFI's mining operations are located in the Grasberg mineral district, Papua -- Indonesia. Currently, PTFI operates the world's largest underground block cave mine. In carrying out its operations, PTFI prioritizes responsible and sustainable business practices.