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## PEFINDO assigned its "idA+" on PT Perkebunan Nusantara X and its proposed Bond I/2013

PEFINDO assigned its "¡¡¡aA+" ratings on PT Perkebunan Nusantara X (Persero), hereafter referred to as PTPX or the Company, and its proposed Bond I/2013 amounting to maximum of IDR700 billion, which will be used for bank loan refinancing and additional working capital. The outlook of the corporate rating is "Stable". The ratings reflect PTPX's high productivity from sugar cane plantation, sound operating management, and strong cash flow protection. However the ratings are constrained by the Company's high dependency on farmers' sugar cane supply, exposure to the unfavorable weather, and risk related to the bio-ethanol business.

PTPX is a state-owned plantation company engaging in sugar cane and tobacco plantation and processing. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's total land bank (including the farmers' sugar cane plantation area) amounted to 73,078 hectare (ha) consisting of 72,125 ha sugar cane plantation and 1,152 ha tobacco plantation. The Company's plantation is supported by 11 sugar cane mills, all of which are located in East Java.

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