

## **Development Framework Concept**

Central Kalimantan is a mineral rich province and the prospect for large-scale mining is high. If such a prospect should happen, the province is currently under-equipped to deal with such a reality. The institutional capacity and setting is weak and under-developed at all levels within the government system. Administrative boundaries were recast in 2003, creating 8 new districts, and redefining the boundaries of the 5 existing districts. This presents further needs for institutional strengthening and capacity building.

PT Kalimantan Surya Kencana, a Canadian-listed junior exploration company, has been actively exploring for mineral deposits in Central Kalimantan for over 20 years, and currently is pursuing prospects that could define a large copper porphyry deposit. If this should happen, it would have an enormous impact on the province. The concern is that some of the impact could be negative if administrative and governance systems are not sufficiently capable of coping with the reality.

Given that the likelihood for major development based on natural resources - especially mining and forestry - is very high, KSK is promoting the need to create, in advance of any major development, a sustainable development framework for the province. This framework would provide the overarching structure for rational, sustainable, and equitable development within the province, based on a clear, well-articulated strategic vision for development. KSK has engaged in discussions with the provincial government and with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with a view to defining this vision and framework.

In order to bring the work forward, KSK believes that a 'partnership' between government, civil society, private sector, and development agencies is essential to mobilize the necessary energy, expertise, and resources. It is anticipated that two years of intensive work will be required to prepare the comprehensive framework. Each member of the 'partnership' would be responsible for working on one or more specific components of the framework, with the provincial government providing leadership and coordinating the process. Once compiled, the framework would identify the priorities and gaps in each sector. It would also map out where support is most needed and how to proceed with implementing the requisite program of development activities.

## **Scoping Workshop**

To start the process, a scoping workshop will be held on April 15-16 in the provincial capital, Palangka Raya. The first objective would be to build awareness about what it would mean to develop a major mine in the province, by providing a fairly detailed exposition of the various steps in the process and what demands and impacts would be created at each stage. This event will be particularly important for senior government officials at both province and district level in order to gain a realistic insight and understanding for what might happen, and what then would be required from each sector for the development process to proceed smoothly.

The second objective of the workshop would be to identify the next logical steps to further the regional development framework process, and develop an action agenda to carry the initiative forward.

By the end of the workshop, each participant will have a much clearer understanding of what sustainable development in the context of mining really means; and they will also know what their own role and contribution is likely to be.