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## Bentoel Group Commemorates World Environment Day by Planting 1000 Trees

**Malang, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – In celebration of ‘World Environment Day’, Bentoel Group has once again planted 1000 trees in the Greater Malang area. This tree-planting initiative reflects Bentoel Group’s ongoing commitment to conserving water resources while providing economic and environmental benefits to the surrounding communities.

Building on a similar initiative from 2023, this year, Bentoel Group collaborated with Maulana Malik Ibrahim State Islamic University (UIN) and the Social Assistance and Community Communication Agency (BASKOMAS). The tree planting took place in three locations: the Sumberawan Temple area in Malang Regency, the Kali Mewek River in Malang City, and Junrejo in Batu City. This initiative is also part of the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) program, which aims to promote sustainable water management.

The trees planted are breadfruit, avocado, longan, and jackfruit trees that add up to total 375 trees. Planting these trees in the upstream areas is expected to help preserve water sources in the Malang Raya watershed, where Bentoel Group operates. Additionally, the trees are anticipated to provide further benefits to the community, such as improved water quality, enhanced soil conditions, better irrigation for surrounding farmlands, and flood prevention. Furthermore, the fruit from these trees will offer an additional source of income for local residents.

**Dian Widyanarti, Head of Corporate & Regulatory Affairs at Bentoel Group, said:** *“This tree-planting initiative reflects Bentoel Group’s ongoing commitment to water resource management and conservation in the Greater Malang area. Through the Alliance for Water Stewardship program, we recognize our heavy reliance on water resources for daily use and aim to ensure that water use is socially and culturally equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically beneficial. We invite all stakeholders to collaborate in ensuring the sustainability of this vital resource management.”*

Bentoel Group has held Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) certification for three consecutive years since 2022. AWS is a global collaboration involving businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the public sector, working together to contribute to the sustainability of local water sources by implementing and promoting a universal framework for sustainable water use.

Dengan sertifikasi AWS tersebut, Bentoel Group tidak hanya berfokus pada air yang digunakan oleh kegiatan operasional Perusahaan, tetapi juga berpartisipasi dalam melestarikan sumber air yang digunakan. Bentoel Group juga telah bekerja sama dengan berbagai pemangku kepentingan selama menjalankan program AWS. Perusahaan memberikan apresiasi yang sebesar-besarnya kepada seluruh pihak yang selama ini telah membangun komunikasi yang baik dan memberikan dukungan secara terus-menerus kepada Perusahaan.

With AWS certification, Bentoel Group not only focuses on the water used in its operational activities but also actively participates in preserving shared water resources. The company has partnered with various stakeholders throughout its implementation of the AWS program and expresses its deepest appreciation to all parties who have maintained strong communication and provided continuous support to the company.

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