

## **Heng Hiap Industries, first company certified to the Ocean Bound Plastic Collection and Ocean Bound Recycling standards**

**Heng Hiap Industries, based in Johor (Malaysia), is the first company to obtain the Ocean Bound Plastic (OBP). This certification outlines Heng Hiap Industries' best practices and commitment to collect Ocean Bound Plastic with the final aim to recycle it into eco-friendly products.**

Heng Hiap Industries was awarded on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2020, the [Ocean Bound Plastic Certification](#) for its OBP Collection system and for its OBP Recycling system becoming the very first company to be third party certified for Ocean Bound Plastic collection and recycling worldwide! With 17 years of experience in the plastics recycling industry, Heng Hiap Industries is setting the new standard for the plastic recycling industry involvement in reducing marine pollution.

In Malaysia, plastic pollution issues have been a major concern over the last years. In 2018, the country became the main alternative destination for plastic scrap - after China banned imports of such waste – and started dealing with influx of garbage<sup>1</sup>. As a matter of fact, launching the project in this region was relevant and embodies a great example of how circular economy can be implemented on a local scale.

To obtain the [Ocean Bound Plastic Certification](#), Heng Hiap Industries was audited by the independent certifying body Control Union against Zero Plastic Oceans' [OBP Collection Organization Standard](#) and [OBP Recycling Organization Standard](#). The audit included the evaluation of places where the OBP was collected and how it was then recycled, an evaluation which guarantees traceability and integrity. It also covered very important social and environmental requirements like the absence of child labor, the fair treatment of employees & waste pickers and the respect of international best practices in waste management.

Heng Hiap Industries certification is valid for one year during which the company will be able to supply fully certified 100% Recycled OBP pellets of PP, PET and PE. Following this year, a new audit and evaluation will be carried out to renew the certification.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-malaysia-waste-plastic/malaysia-flooded-with-plastic-waste-to-send-back-some-scrap-to-source-idUSKCN1SR1KA>

## #1 Opening Meeting



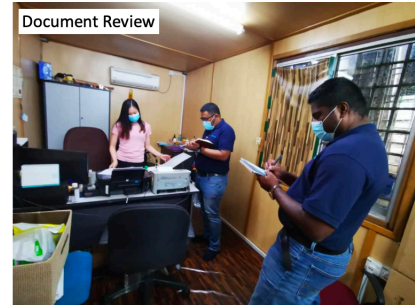
## #3 OBP Collection Site Visit - Sungai Plentong

Lat.:1.495257 Lng.:103.799187



## #5 OBP Collection Site Visit - HHM Kempas

Lat.:1.543374 Lng.:103.695889



## #9 OBP Collection Site Visit – Pengerang Beach

Lat.: 1.347802 Lng.: 104.213092



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#### About ZERO PLASTIC OCEANS

*Zero Plastic Oceans (ZPO) is an NGO focusing on creating mechanisms and incentives to encourage environmental cleanings focused on Ocean Bound Plastic. ZPO is the Standard setter for the OBP Certification Scheme, ZPO will continue to hold ownership and ensure the maintenance of the Standard. More information about ZPO is available at [www.zeroplasticoceans.org](http://www.zeroplasticoceans.org).*

#### About the Ocean Bound Plastic Certification

*The Ocean Bound Plastic Certification is a program set by Zero Plastic Oceans and audited by independent third parties (Certification Bodies). The program is composed of 2 subprograms, the OBP Recycling subprogram with 2 Standards (OBP Recycling Organization, OBP Collection Organization) and the OBP Neutrality subprogram with 2 Standards (OBP Neutralization Services Provider, OBP Plastic Producers & Users) to cover the complete value chain of OBP Recycling : collection, management and reuse until the final product and OBP Neutralization : collection, management and treatment and parallel footprint compensation. More information on the OBP certification is available at [www.obpcert.org](http://www.obpcert.org).*