

Private Use Permit Contract Between The Forestry Development Authority

The People of Doe's Chiefdom



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P.O. Box 10-3010

Whein Town, Mount Barclay

1000, Monrovia 10 Liberia

January 17, 2011

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) MONTSERRADO COUNTY)

PRIVATE USE PERMIT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DOE CHIEFDOM COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INC. FOR HARVESTING OF 79,263 HECTARES OF FORESTLAND LOCATED DOE CHIEFDOM, NIMBA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Authority is statutorily responsible for the sustainable management and use of all categories of forest resources;

WHEREAS, Doe Chiefdom Community Forest Management Committee is a body elected by the Citizens of Doe Chiefdom, Nimba County and given the Authority to act in its capacity as custodian of a tract of 195,859 acres/79,263 hectares of forested land by virtue of inheritance through a legitimate purchase from the Republic of Liberia; copy of the body's Articles of Incorporation is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A"

WHEREAS, by virtue of Section 5.6 (d) (i) of the National Forestry Reform Law (NFRL) of 2006, copy of a duly certified Public Land Grant issued on December 13th 1949 under the signature of President William V.S. Tubman, in proof of ownership of the subject tract of land is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "B" to form a cogent part of this Permit;

WHEREAS, in further verification of the subject property, the Ministry of Lands, Mines & Energy finally gives authentication and verification to the said Doe Chiefdom Deed through a letter under the signature of Acting Assistant Minister Maxwell C.F. Gwee. Attached also is the said verification letter marked Exhibit "C" to form an integral part of this Contract:

WHEREAS, validation of the area in keeping with Section 5.6 (d) (ii) of the NFRL and Section 61 of FDA Regulation 102-07 shows that the said tract of land is suitable for commercial forestry. Said validation report is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "D" to form also an integral part of this contract;

WHEREAS, Doe Chiefdom is desirous of commercializing harvestable tree species on the said tract of remaining 79,263 hectares of land;

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WHEREAS, the Authority having examined **Doe**'s application and the requirements of Section 5.6 of the NFRL having been met, declares **Doe** qualified for issuance of a Private Use Permit and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions

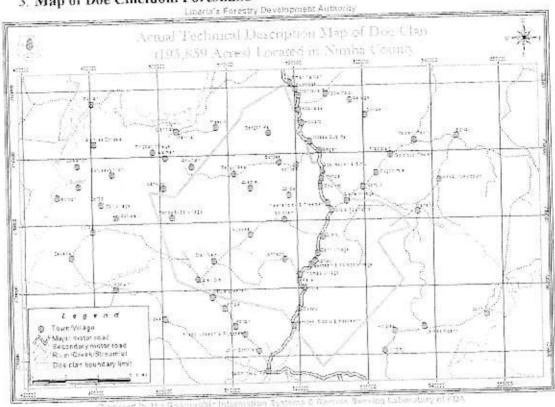
- a. Authority: The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) created by an Act of the Legislature on November 1, 1976.
- b. Annual Operations Plan: the plan that guides the annual operations of the Holder
- c. Chain of Custody: the path of custodianship followed by logs, Timber and wood products through harvesting, transport, interim storage, processing, distribution and export from source of origin in the forest to end use.
- d. Code of Forest Harvesting Practices: a set of standards for environmentally sound forest use prepared by the Authority
- e. Conservation: the sustainable management and protection of forest resources to achieve maximum environmental, social, economic and scientific benefits for present and future generations
- f. Forestry: the science, art and practice of conservation of forest resources
- g. Forest Resources License: any legal instrument pursuant to which the Authority allows a person, subject to specified conditions, to extract forest resources or make other productive and sustainable use of forest land. This includes Forest management Contracts, Timber Sale Contracts, Forest Use Permit and Private Use Permit.
- h. Forestland: a tract of land, including its flora and fauna capable of producing forest resources, or land set aside for the purpose of forestry, but not including land in permanent settlements and land that has been in long term use for non-shifting cultivation of crops or raising livestock.
- i. Forest Product: any material or item derived from forest resources.
- Forest Management Contract: forestry contract which covers a land area of 50,000 – 400,000 hectares.
- k. Holder: a person who holds a valid forest resources license
- Land Owner: a person who owns land by legal title

- m. Operator: a person harvesting or making commercial use of forest resources under a forest resources license, including a person working as an employee, contractor or other agent for a Holder.
- n. Pre-Felling Operations: legal requirements of the Holder before felling of logs. They include posting of required performance bond; preparation of initial annual operations plan and preparation of environmental impact assessment.
- Private Use Permit: a forest resource license issued by the Government to allow commercial use of the forest resources on private land.
- p. Public Use Permit: a forest resource license issued to extract forest resource from an area less than 1000 hectares.
- q. Reforestation: the establishment of a tree plantation in a previously forested area that has been affected by cutting, fire, or some other act of tree removal.
- r. Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS): the institution/company responsible to manage the Chain of Custody System.
- s. Timber Sale Contract: a short term forest resources license issued by the Government for a period of three (3) years that allows a person to harvest timber from a specified tract of forest land.

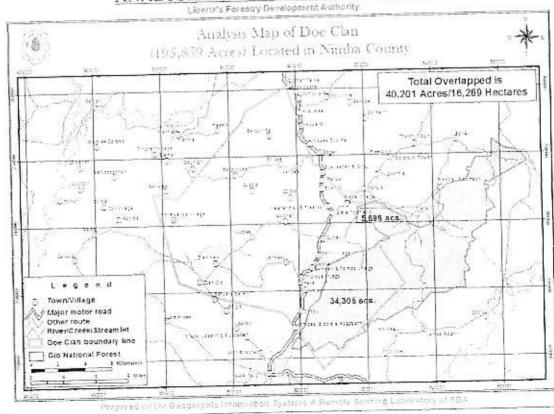
2. Metes and Bounds of Doe Clan Available Forest Land

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said parcel of land thence on a magnetic bearing: N 75° W for 519 chains; N 67° W for 281.5 chains; N 15° W for 675 chains; S 78° E for 187.5 chains; N 40° E for 737.5 chains; N 20° E for 81.5 chains; N 60° for 850 chains; S 20° E for 400 chains; S 17° E 181.5 chains; S 83° E 115 chains; S 20° E for 81 chains; S 40° E for 290 chains; N 86° E 145 chains; S 61° E for 178 chains; S 34° E for 137 chains; S 74° W for 200 chains; S 46° W for 65 chains; S 33° E 34 chains; S 44° W for 887.75 chains; N 35° W for 509.5 chains to the place of COMMENCEMENT, embracing 198,920 acres of land according to deed description.

3. Map of Doe Chiefdom Forestland



ANALYSIS MAP OF THE VERIFICATION



Contract Objective

- a To harvest merchantable tree species from 79,263 hectares of tract of land otherwise called the Doe Chiefdom Forest Land
- b. To engage in reforestation of the area involving indigenous species

c. To create alternative uses of the tract of land after harvesting of trees

 d. To create employment for about 400 locals of the contract area and surrounding towns and villages.

5. Contract Duration

The contract shall be for twenty five (25) years.

6. Chain of Custody System

In keeping with Section 13.5 of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and sections (1-35) of FDA Regulation 108-07, the Chain of Custody System will apply during the life and implementation of this contract. The system so established for the tracking of logs, timber and wood products from forest to processing and then to domestic or foreign market shall be managed by Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) using SGS/Helveta equipment and software as provided for by section 3.2 (3) of the Chain of Custody System Management Contract of 2007.

7. Land Rental & Stumpage Tax

Consistent with Section 5.7(b) of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006, the Company shall not be charged to pay land rental tax. However, stumpage shall be paid consistent with Section 5.7 (c) of the National Forestry Reform Law and also consistent with Section 22(b) of Regulation 107-07.

8. Other Fees & GOL Taxes

All other fees and GOL Taxes levied on the project shall be consistent with the Revenue Law of Liberia and FDA Regulation.

9. Pre-felling Date

Before Company is certified for felling, all pre-felling operations including the following must be completed:

- a. Posting US\$50,000.00 performance bond
- b. Submission of initial annual operations plan
- c. Environmental Impact Assessment
- d. Social Agreement
- e. Forest Management Plan

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Employment

Recruitment and employment by the Company shall be consistent with Labor Law of Liberia and International Labor Organization.

Termination

This contract shall be terminated if the company upon notice of breach of any term of this Contract fails to remedy said breach within a period of (60) sixty days.

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Force Majeure

In the event of force majeure, which causes either party from meeting its obligations herein stated, the Contract shall be suspended as long as the force majeure continues.

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Duty of Care

The Authority shall ensure that the Company maintains environmental quality of the cutting area and comply with all other conditions consistent with the Liberia Code of Harvesting Practices to include:

- Water course protection
- Erosion prevention
- Prevention of pollution to rivers, streams and other waterways by disposal of wastes
- d. Prevention of fire disaster

The operation shall also be in conformity with international conventions to which Liberia is a party. They include: the Convention on Biodiversity, the International Tropical Timber Agreement, the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention on International Trade In Endangered Species and the RAMSAR Convention on Wetland Management

11.

Governing Laws

In effecting this Contract between the Corporation and the Authority, the relevant Laws of Liberia including but not limited to the National Forestry Reform Law and regulation governing Chain of Custody will prevail.

12.

Binding Effect

This Agreement is binding on the parties, their successors-in-office as if they were physically present at execution of this instrument.

In witness whereof, we have affixed our signatures on the day and date first mentioned above.

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For the Authority

Approved:

Managing Director

For Doe Chiefdom

George Sumie

Samuel G. Tennie

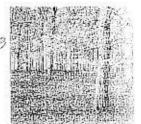
Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah, Sr.

Florence Chenoweth M Chairman-FDA Robel Eff Directors

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Chiefdom Forest Management Committee (DOCFOMAC), Inc.



P.O. Box 1544 Rehab Community Paynesville, Republic of Liberia

Board of Directors

Elfr. Cooper W. Kruah Chairman

P. Moses Wowoah Co-Chairman

George C.M. Suoviie Secretary General

Samuel G. Tennie Financial Officer

Lucy Wehyee Treasurer

Johnson N. Zorleh Chaplain

Harris Wonnah Asst. Secretary

Moses Kruah Asst. Financial Officer

George D. Larngar Member

Joseph T.K, Vonleh Member

James S. Wehyee, Jr. Member

Daniel Tennie Member

Richard Quamietaye Member

5. Mohandas Dekpah Member

Samuel Blah Member

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Cell #: 06-515171 077-515 171 05-515171 06-997280

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June 3, 2010

The Managing Director FDA Congo Town Montserrado County

In Re: Authentication of the Doe Chiefdom 1949 Deed for 198, 920 Acres of Land

Hon. Managing Director:

Please find attached, photocopy of the deed for the Doe Chiefdom Forest which covered the total of 198, 920 acres. This land was granted to the people of Doe Clan now Doe Chiefdom in the year 1949.

The purpose of the request is that the people of the chiefdom desire A PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT to enable them negotiate with potential investor(s) to carry out logging activities within the forest as in keeping with the community rights act.

In view of the foregoing, we most respectfully request your good offices to instruct your responsible personnel to initiate and complete the authentication process of our deed so that your corporation can grant us private land use permit to enable us officially negotiate with potential and interested investor(s).

Kind regards.

Very truly yours,

George C.M. Suomie SECRETARY GENERAL

Approved:

CHAIRMAN

Minor

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within document is a true and correct copy of Public Land Grant from the Republic of Liberia to Chief Siaway and the Inhabitants of Dec Z^{Clan}the Records of Montserrado County filed in the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, filed and recorded in Volume 64 parc 231 of Montserrado Records .

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GIVEN UNDER my hand and Seal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this 10th day of May A.D. 1989 and of the Republic the One Hundred and Forty First.

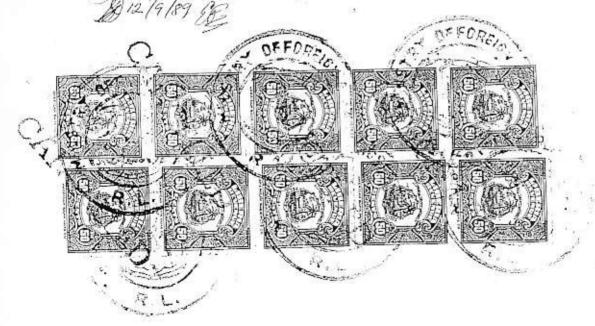
J. Kudolph Johnson

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HECKED BY:

Jonathan F. Yancy

ACTING PIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES



MADES.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

O ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS, SHALL COME: Whereas to the 2nd session of an act ' the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia entitled an act for the Government f District in the Republic of Liberia inhabited by Aboriginees" approved nuary 25 1905, it was provided that threers should be granted to the inhabitants I each town for agriculture purpose and whereas Chief Siaway Chief of malgamated Gio Chiefdom , Tippita Nimba County and his People of Des Clan in me hinter hand of District number three and in central province and the inhabitation f said District to the number of all heads of Families have apply for a grant land in accordance with the provision of said act now; therefore subject to o reserving the pessession of all minerals prescribed in section 2 of article 2 the act approved February 4th 1924 contained in the subsoil of the realty -alty hereby granted for agriculture purposes as herein stipulated and cultivati f said land to be performed by the grantees and their heirs I William V.S. bman Fresident of the Republic of Liberia for myself and my Successors in ffice subject to the reservation herein contained and have granted and my ese presents do give grant and confirm unto the said Clan Chief Siaway and is People in the District of Tappita Central Province Nimba County and the habitants of Doe Clan and their heirs as tenants in common forever all that nece or parcel of Land situated lying and being in the Amalgamated Gio Chiefdom nd bearing in the authentic records of said District C.P.the number 95 and unded and described as follows: commencing at the north west coner of said parcel of land thence on magnetic bearing: north 75 degrees west 519 chains rth 67 degrees west 281.5 chains north 15 degrees west 675 chains south 78 degre st 187.5 chains n.40 degrees e.737.5 chains N.20 degrees E.81.5 chains N.60 degrees S.20 degrees E.400 chains S.17 degrees E.181.5 chains S.83 degr E.115 1.20 E.81 chains S.40 degrees E.290 chains N.86 degrs E.145 chains S.61 deg E.17 mains S.34 deg E.137 chains S.74 Deg W.200 chains S.46 deg W.65 chains S.33 E.3 .144 Deg W.887.75 N.35 deg W. 509.5 to the place of Commencement and containing or running on both side of Grdie Zuolay Tappita motor Road and containing 198, 20 Acres of Land and no more. THE GRANTEES convenant with the Grantor to perform the following duties that they will cultivate the land hereby granted by the planting thereon from time t time of such agriculture production as may be prescribed by Government egulation that one fouth of the land hereby granted shall be maintained as reservation and that they the grantees shall become null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virture to have and to hold the above granted premises together with all and singular the buildings improvements and appurten thereof and thereto belonging to the said Chief Siaway and his People and the inhabitants of Doe Clan and their heirs forever. And I the said William V.S. Tubman aforesaid and my Successors in Office do convenant to and with the said person and their heirs that at the ensealing of these presents or thereof I the said W.V.S. Tubman by virture of my Office and authority given me by the act above mentioned had right and lawful authority to convey the aforessid

premises to the said Clan Chief Siaway and his People and the inhabitants of Doe Clan Amalgamated Gio Chiefdom Tippita District Nimba County C.P. and their heirs against the lawful claims of all person claiming any part of the above granted premises the above granted granted land cannot be sold transfered or assigned without consent of the Government of Liberia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said William V.S.T.

have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal
of the Republic to be affixed this 13th day of
December A.D. 1949

Seal

Ruben B. Logan Registrar.

Sgd) William V.S.Tubman President

ENDORSEMENT

PUBLIC LAND GRANT from the Republic of Liberia to/Siaway and the inhabitants of Dos Clan let this be registered J.Everette Bull Commissioner of the Monthly and probate Court MO. CO. probated this 4th day of January A.D.1950 A.T.O.Appleton Clerk of the Monthly and probate Court MO. CO.registered according to law in Volume 64 page 231 Ruben B.Logan Registrar MO. CO.

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NOTARY CERTIFICATE

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DOE CHIEFDOM COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, INC.

And d'd in my presence each other and sign their genuine signatures on the saic instrument(s) to be the person(s) they represent and that same was made in my presence and declared by each of them to be their voluntary act and in their own hand writing(s).

Therefore, LJohnson A. Mentee Gweh NOTARY PUBLIC

Aforesaid, have attached my Official Signature, and Notary Seal to avail when and where necessary.

I have affixed my genuine Signature, attested to This transaction in by the power vested in me this 31stlay of December A.D. 2009

h As Mentee Gweh Public Montserrado, R. L.

SEAL

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION DOE CHIEFDOM COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, INC.

We the undersigned for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the provision of the Liberia business corporation act of January 2, 1977, do hereby make, acknowledge, subscribe and file in the office of he Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia, this instrument for the purpose as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Not-for-profit Corporation herein after referred to as "the corporation" shall be "DOE CHIEFDOM COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, INC.

ARTICLE II

The purposes for which the corporation is established is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a Not-for-profit corporation may now or here after be organized under the Liberian Association Law, including but not limited to the following:

- To negotiate social agreement with potential investors for the management of forest products from the Doe deeded property of 198,000 acres. (198,020
- To identify community based projects to be sponsored from proceeds generated from the social agreements with companies that will be engaged in b. extracting forest products from the Doe Community Forest.
- To manage and maintain farm to market roads within the Doe Chiefdom.
- To provide free medical supplies for the use of the people to clinics within the d.
- To help government in maintaining public schools and other institutions of e.
- To use funds generated from the social agreements from the forest for the maintenance and provision of save drinking water, etc. f.
- To purchase, take on lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire immovable or movable properties, rights and privileges whatsoever to build, construct, alter and maintain buildings, houses or other constructions for the Corporation or g. its staff as necessary or convenient for any of the objectives or purposes of the
- To purchase, hire, maintain any agriculture equipment, machinery or apparatuses for any of the purposes of the Corporation in Liberia or elsewhere h.
- To promote, fund, build, aid, assist, manage, maintain, administer and run in the world. schools, polytechnics, colleges, universities, research centers, educational 1
- To enter into any arrangement with any Government or authority, local municipal or other public or quasi-public bodies that may seem conducive to the objects to the Corporation for rights, privileges and concessions, which the corporation like think desirable to obtain and to carry out exercise, and 1.
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 To establishe that and support research institutions, laboratories, technical
- training centers and schools, grants stipends, scholarships for training abroad and to do all such other things as may be calculated to benefit the Corporation 1. To arrange, establish, maintain and manage funds, properties and assets of the 111.

Corporation as may be determined.

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 To do all such other things are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects.

ARTICLE-III

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE-IV

The principle/registered office of the corporation shall be at P.O. Box 1544 Monrovia, Liberia and its registered agent whose address shall be the same as that of the corporation shall be Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah, Sr.

ARTICLE-V

The Corporation shall obtain funds to support its activities from contributions from its founders, local communities, families and individuals and non-governmental Organization.

ARTICLE-VI

The corporation shall have every power which a corporation now or hereafter organized under Not-For-Profit Corporation Act may have.

ARTICLE-VII

The Names and addresses of the Incorporators shall be as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

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1. J. T. K. Vonleh 2. Samuel G. Tennie 3. Johnson N. Zorleh 4. Mohandas S. Dekpah 5. James Wehyee 6. P. Moses Wobuah 7. George Sumie 8. George D. Larngar 9. Harry Woanah 10. Lucy Wehyee 11. Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah, Sr. 12. Richard Quamietaye 13. Daniel Tennie	P.O. Box 1544, Monrovia, Liberia P.O. Box 1544, Monrovia, Liberia

ARTICLE-VIII

The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- 1, J. T. K. Vonleh
- 2. Samuel G. Tennie
- 3. Johnson N. Zorleh
- 4. Mohandas S. Dekpah
- 5. James Wehyee
- 6. P. Moses Wobuah
- 7. George Sumie
- 8. George D. Larngar
- 9, Harry Woanah
- 10, Lucy Wehyee
- 11. Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah, Sr.
- 12. Richard Quamietaye
- 12. Richard Quan-



ARTICLE-IX

The corporation's corporate shall commence upon filing these articles of incorporation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia as of the filing date indicated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE MADE, SUBSCRIBE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THIS INSTRUMENT THIS 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2009

IN THE PRESENCE OF:	6
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Cllr, Cooper W. Kruah, Sr. Legal Counsel INCORPORATOR

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Richard Quemetaye
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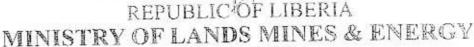
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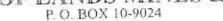
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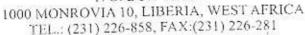


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December 7, 2010

Hon. Moses D. Wogbeh Sr, Managing Director Forestry Development Authority Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Hon. Wogbeh Sr,:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Monday, October 11, 2010, requesting the review and verification of attached documents which are deem necessary for granting a Private User Permit (PUP) by the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to the people of Doe clan, in Northern Liberia.

We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Lands, Surveys and Cartography has reviewed the said documents through the Nimba County, Resident Surveyor.

Accordingly, we up-hold the recommendations of the Resident Surveyor and that the FDA should proceed to grant the Private User Permit as far as this Ministry is concerned.

I trust that you shall find the above useful and remain committed to cooperating with the FDA in such endeavors.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Maxwell C. F. Gwee.

Acting Assistant Minister

Department of Lands, Survey and Cartography

Attachments:

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MINISTRY OF LANDS, MINES & ENERGY OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COUNTY SURVEYOR SANNIQUELLIE CITY, NIMBA COUNTY

TO

: 'Hon. Maxwell Gwee

Acting Assistant Minister

Department of Lands, Surveys & Cartography

Monrovia, Liberia

FROM:

Ulysses S. Beahquoi, L.

Resident County Surveyor

Nimba County, R.L.

SURVEYOR'S LICENCE

Name: blysses S. Beahque

Lic: #033 REPUBLICION LIBERIA

SUBJ.:

SURVEY FIELD REPORT

DATE: November 15, 2010

READS: We departed Sanniquellie City November 11, 2010 to review and verify the Republic Mand Grant from the Republic of Liberia to Chief Siaway and the inhabitants of Doe Clan, Nimba County.

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In the process of verification, we were carried to various boundary lines. instead of traverse station points. We therefore coordinated those boundary lines as shown by means of GPS. The various boundary lines and coordinates are:

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4)	Between Nao & Doumpa		0514992 0756044
5)	At Yeetee		0510309 0752681

However, the land exists and there is no dispute as to the ownership. The District Commissioner clearly stated in his communication. The copy is herewith attached.

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Commissioner, Does Adm. Dist

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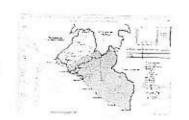
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Forestry Development Authority P.O. Box 10-3010



Elise Saliby's Compound Kappa House, Congo Town Monrovia, Liberia

MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Hon. Moses D. Wogbeh, Snr.

Managing Director

Forestry Development Authority

FROM:

Technical Team

Subject:

DOE CHIEFDOM DEEDED LAND VALIDATION REPORT

DATE:

June 20, 2010

Background

Predicated on a communication under the signature of Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah and George C.M. Suomie, Chairman and Secretary General of Doe's Chiefdom, requesting an authentication of their deed, diagram and location of their property situated and lying in Southern Nimba County. A team of technicians from the FDA was mandated to visit Doe's Chiefdom for detail ground truthing in capturing the deed commencement point and sight seeing of the area for management's reaction.

In light of the above, the Geographic Information Systems Officer, Mr. Initius K. Jaye and FDA's Chief Surveyor, Edward M. Snoh, Snr., along with representatives of Doe's Chiefdom traveled to the land under consideration to conduct a joint ground truthing exercise of the area.

Field Patrol

During the period from February 1-15, 2010, the joint team patrolled a significant portion of the area and gathered detail information relating to on going multiple uses of the area, types of vegetation, topology, and livelihood of communities dwellers within the parameters of the forest.

Findings

Following an intensive tour by the team we observed and authenticated that:

- Indeed the area is surrounded by large farms with mix trees of cash crops presently undergoing rehabilitation (under brushing).
- A large portion of the area is secondary forest.
- The entire area actually covered by primary forest and suitable for harvesting (commercial logging and sawn timber) is 31% or 24,282 hectares of the entire 79,263 hectares according to FDA's analysis.
- 20.5% or 16,269 hectares of Doe's Chiefdom property overlapped with the Gio National Forest or the Proposed Forest Management Contract Area "E"
- Doe's Chiefdom deeded land area is a bit lower in terms of size and acreage than what is stipulated in the deed submitted to FDA (Deed reported 198,920 acres; actual area calculated is 195,859 acres)
- The area under investigation is truly situated and lying in Yarwein Mehnsonnoh, Wee-Gbehyi-Mahn, Boe and Quilla and Doe Districts, Nimba County
- The area is the home of some un-protected wildlife animal's species.
- The area does overlap with Forest Management Contract Area "E" and the Gio National Forest.
- The area is 8.42 kilometers or 5.05 miles away from Tappita City.
- The Magnetic North (MN) placed on Doe's Chiefdom deed is correct.

Recommendation

In view of the verification and confirmation of documents for this area by the Forestry Development Authority, we herein recommend that.

- As per National Forestry Reform Law (NFRL) of 2006 provision in chapter five section 5.6, we therefore recommend that FDA Management issue a Private Use Permit to Doe's Chiefdom in compliance with all relevant requirements of this section (particularly section 5.6 c(i,ii,iii) and d (i,ii,iii,iv,v,vi) respectively.
- The area of Doe's Chiefdom which overlapped with the Proposed Forest Management Contract and the Gio National Forest be subtracted from the total area calculated by FDA
- That Doe's Chiefdom representatives hire trained forest economist, and a tree finder to conduct large scale forest inventory as to determine the economic viability and value of the forest as it relates to merchantable tree species availability, topology and transportation,

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