

Private Use Permit
Contract
Between The
Forestry Development
Authority
&
*The People of
Chedepo & Porupo
Districts*

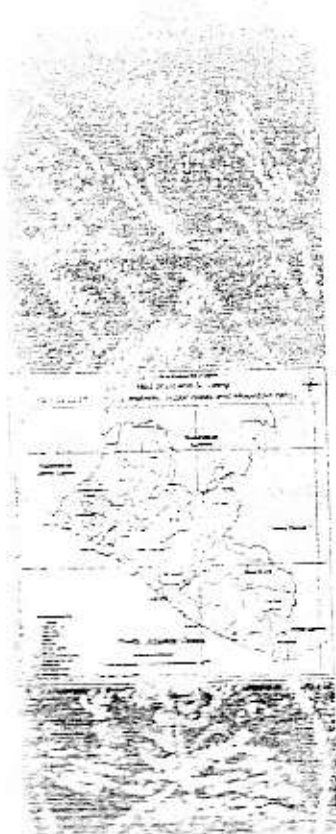
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April 28, 2011



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)
MONTSERRADO COUNTY)



PRIVATE USE PERMIT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE PEOPLE OF CHEDEPO AND POTUPO DISTRICTS, TIENPO CHIEFDOM, RIVER GEE COUNTY, FOR THE HARVESTING OF 51,262 HECTARES OF FORESTLAND

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this 4th day of May A.D. 2010, by and between the Government of Liberia, through the Forestry Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as the **Authority**, represented by its Managing Director, Moses D. Wogbeh Sr., and the People of Chedepo and Potupo Districts, River Gee County, hereinafter referred to as **Chedepo represented** by the District Forest Management Committee by and thru H. Detch Dweh, General Secretary, Joseph Kayee, Financial Secretary, Garretson Toe, Treasurer, Garretson Warplo, Co-Chairman and Wesaye R. Tarwillie, Chairman, hereinafter collectively the Parties, hereby;

W I T N E S S E T H:

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

WHEREAS, the People of **Chedepo** are legitimate owners of a tract of forestland of 51,262 hectares by virtue of inheritance through a legitimate purchase from the Republic of Liberia,

WHEREAS, the Nanee Administrative District encompassing the said Chedepo and Potupo Districts made an application to the Authority on November 12, 2010 on behalf of said citizens for the issuance of a Private Use Permit to commercialize their deeded forested land as can be seen from copy of said letter hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the citizens themselves from the said two (2) districts herein named further writes on March 11, 2011, in addition to the Nanee Administrative District's request, for the issuance of a Private Use Permit as can be seen from copy of the letter written through their District Forest Management Committee hereto attached and marked Exhibit "B";

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 Sale Deed issued in 1986 under the signature of President Samuel K. Doe, in proof of ownership of the subject tract of land is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "C" 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 Chedepo and Potupo

Deed through a letter under the signature of Acting Assistant Minister Maxwell C F Gwee. Attached also is the said verification letter marked Exhibit "B" 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 "E" to form also an integral part of this contract;

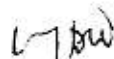
WHEREAS, **Chedepo** is desirous of commercializing harvestable tree species on the said tract of 51,262 hectares of land,

WHEREAS, the Authority having examined **Chedepo's** application and the requirements of Section 5.6 of the NFRL having been met, declares **Chedepo** qualified for issuance of a Private Use Permit that will allow it enter into contractual agreement with a company or corporation to carry out said commercial activities;

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

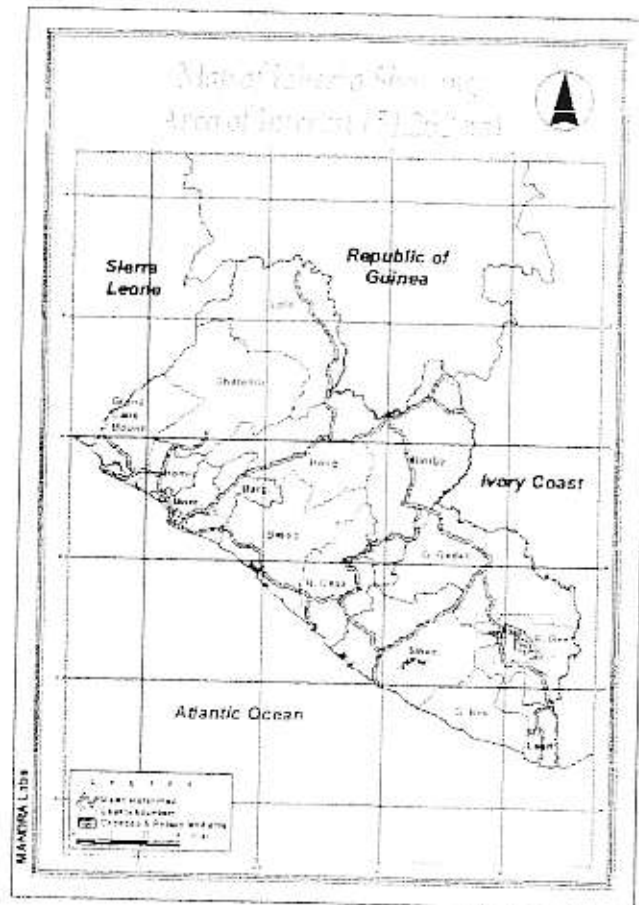
- h. Forestland: a tract of land, including its flora and fauna capable of producing forest resources, or land set aside for the purpose of forestry, but not including land in permanent settlements and land that has been in long term use for non-shifting cultivation of crops or raising livestock.
- i. Forest Product: any material or item derived from forest resources.
- j. 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
- l. 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.
- o. 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.

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2. Metes and Bounds/Technical Description of Chedepo and Potupo Districts Forest Land & Location Map

The available forest within Chedepo & Potupo Districts, River Gee County lies within Latitudes $5^{\circ}18'0''$ - $5^{\circ}30'0''$ North of the equator and Longitudes $7^{\circ}42'0''$ - $8^{\circ}6'0''$ West of the Greenwich meridian and it is located in River Gee County-LIBERIA.

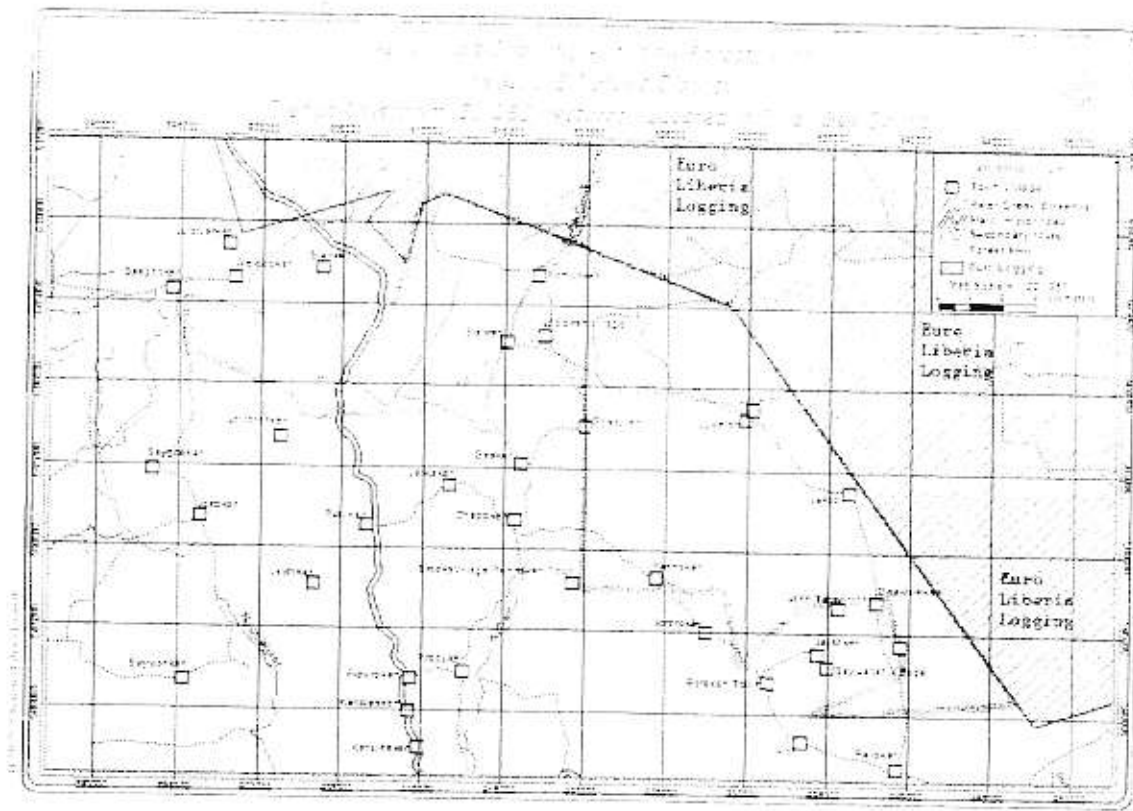
The boundary line commences at a point marked on the surface of the Earth {Lat/Lon} ($5^{\circ}28'04.40''$ N- $8^{\circ}01'28.27''$ W); thence a line runs N 14° E for 6,852 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 64° E for 1,628 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 69° E for 18,919 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 36° E for 30,357 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 86° W for 12,883 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 67° E for 6,550 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 11° W for 5,131 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 81° W for 5,267 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 46° W for 5,513 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 10° W for 4,861 meters to a point; thence a line runs Due West for 8,839 meters to a point; thence a line runs Due North for 15,006 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 82° W for 4,432 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 45° W for 6,445 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 85° W for 8,433 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 15° W for 1,498 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 67° W for 7,200 meters to a point; thence a line runs Due North for 3,342 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 79° E for 6,823 meters to a point; thence a line runs S 79° E for 6,823 meters to a point; thence a line runs N 84° E for 5,856 meters to the place of COMMENCEMENT, embracing 51,262 hectares of land and NO MORE.



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Map of Chedepo Forestland



3. Contract Objective

- To harvest merchantable tree species from 51,262 hectares of tract of land otherwise called the Chedepo Forest Land
- To engage in reforestation of the area involving indigenous species
- To create alternative uses of the tract of land after harvesting of trees
- To create employment for about 300 locals of the contract area and surrounding towns and villages.

4. Contract Duration

The contract shall be for twenty three (25) years, the land area being an FMC.

5. 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

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provided for by section 3.2 (3) of the Chain of Custody System Management Contract of 2007.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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 Contract

9. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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:

- a. Water course protection
- b. Erosion prevention
- c. 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

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Governing Laws

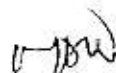
In effecting this Contract between the Corporation and the Authority, the relevant Laws of Liberia including but not limited to the National Forestry Reform Law and regulation governing Chain of Custody will prevail.

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.



FOR THE AUTHORITY

[Signature]
Witness

Approved: [Signature]
Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.
Managing Director

FOR THE PEOPLE OF GBEAPO, POTUPO AND SARBO DISTRICTS

[Signature]
H. Deteh Tweh/General Secretary

[Signature]
Joseph Kayee/Financial Secretary

[Signature]
Garretson Toe/Treasurer

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Garretson Warplo/Co-Chairman

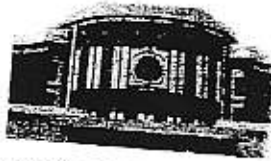
[Signature]
Wesaye R. Tarwillie/Chairman

Approved [Signature]
Florence Chenoweth
Chairman-FDA Board of Directors



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THE LIBERIAN SENATE
CAPITOL HILL, MONROVIA, LIBERIA
WEST AFRICA

May 10, 2011

Hon. Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.
Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
Fedell Campus Community
Montserrado County
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

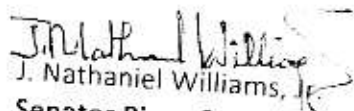
I present my compliments and wish to use this medium to extend thanks and appreciation to you for the significant improvements you have initiated at the Forest Development Authority since your ascendency as Managing Director which has restored confidence in the **Forestry Management sector**, that made it possible first in history for the Traditional people to directly receive social Development funds from concessionaire.

Accordingly, I have had consultations with you regarding the interest of a Logging Company, D.C. Wilson INC. that expresses its desire to invest in River Gee County in the Timber Industry. I am writing officially to request your entity to approve a **PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT**, a request which has been filed by Communities and people who will be affected as well as the Company.

Basically, I believe that if approved, this will give an enormous relief to the people of River Gee County in terms of employment opportunity which eventually will stimulate the National ECONOMY of which River Gee is a segment for revenue generation.

Kind regards.

Sincerely Yours,


J. Nathaniel Williams, Jr.

Senator River Gee County & Lead Chair
Senate Joint Committee on Labour and Judiciary

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Nanee Administrative District Forest Management Committee
(FMC)

Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County
Republic of Liberia

November 12, 2010

Hon. Moses Wogbeh
Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
KAPA House
Elie Saliby Compound, Congo Town
Monrovia, Liberia

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Re: **PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT:**

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

The citizens of Nanee Administrative District within the Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County, represented by our civil and traditional Leaders, Elders, Women, Youths, Chiefs and Opinion Leaders have commenced negotiations with the D.C. Wilson Inc. for the extraction of logs from our district, Nanee District Forest area.

Under the agreement to work within our tribal territory forest, we intent to relinquish all rights and privileges to D.C. Wilson Inc. for the purpose of carrying on full logging activities on 49,999 hectares of forest land owned by the people of Nanee District, which located in the Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County.

Accordingly, we write on behalf of the citizens of Nanee District to request the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to grant us (the district), a **Private Land Use Permit** for the tribal territory forest under the New Amended Forestry Law (2006) of the Republic of Liberia, to give D.C. Wilson Inc. the authorization to commence with logging activities.

Considering the above recommendation, we are pleased also to introduce to you the full listing for the elected officials of the Forest Management Committee (FMC) of the Nanee District, and see below they are signatories:

Handwritten signature of Alexander Kaye Sr.
Alexander Kaye Sr.
CHAIRMAN

Handwritten signature of Nathaniel Sockan
Nathaniel Sockan
GENERAL SECRETARY

Handwritten signature of Rachel S. Doe
Rachel S. Doe
TREASURER

Handwritten signature of Alex Tarty
Alex Tarty
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Handwritten signature of Elijah Seneh
Elijah Seneh
CO-CHAIRMAN

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JUDICIAL BRANCH
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



TIENPO PROVISIONAL MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT
TIENPO STATUTORY DISTRICT
RIVER GEE COUNTY, R.L.

SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM A.D. 2011

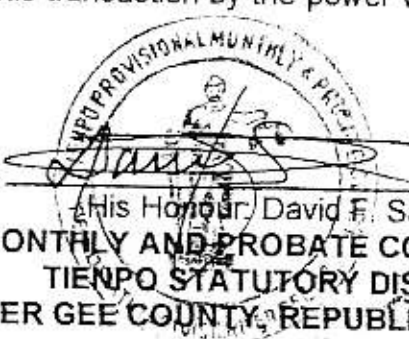
BEFORE HIS HONOUR DAVID F. SARTEH, JUDGE OF THE MONTHLY AND
PROBATE COURT (TIENPO)

Personally appeared before me in my office within the County of River Gee, Republic of Liberia this 14th day of March A.D. 2011, A duly qualify Provisional Monthly and Probate Judge, Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County.

And did in my present and in the presence of each other execute and signed their genuine signatures on the said instrument(s) to be the person(s) they represent and that the same was made in my presence and declared by each of them to be their voluntary acts and in their own hand writing.

Therefore, as Monthly and Probate Judge of the aforesaid county, have attached my official signature and seal to avail when where necessary. I have affixed my genuine signatures attesting to this transaction by the power vested in me this 14th day of March 2011.

Approved: _____


His Honour David F. Sarte
MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT JUDGE
TIENPO STATUTORY DISTRICT
RIVER GEE COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

\$10.00 Revenue Stamp affixed on the original.

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Chedepo & Potupo Districts Forest Management Committee
Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2
Phone: +231 (06) 626 489; River Gee County, Republic of Liberia

March 9, 2011

Hon. Moses Wogbeh
Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
P. O. Box 3010
Monrovia, Liberia

Re: PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT:

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

We, the citizens of Chedepo and Potupo Districts, Tienpo Chiefdom, River Gee County, represented by our civil and traditional Leaders, Elders, Women, Youths, Chiefs and Opinion Leaders, kindly request that you issue us a Private User Permit for a parcel of forest land of about 51,262 hectares to enable us exploit said forest land for the socio-economic benefit of our citizens and districts.

Please find attached a copy of our Public Land Grant – Tribal Territorial Deed from the Republic of Liberia as verified by the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy for your ease of reference.

Thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation.

FOR THE CHEDEPO & POTUPO DISTRICTS FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

H. K. Dweh

H. Deteh Dweh
GENERAL SECRETARY

Joseph Kayee

Joseph Kayee
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Garreston Toe

Garreston Toe
TREASURER

Garreston Warplo

Garreston Warplo
Co-CHAIRMAN

Wesaye R. Tarwillie

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CHAIRMAN

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the document herein is a true and correct copy of a public Land Grant-Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District, Grand Gedeh County as Recorded in Volume 483-86 pages 198-199 of the Grand Gedeh County, R. L. Filed in the Center for National Documents and Records Agency/ National Archives, R. L.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL
OF THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL
DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS AGENCY/
NATIONAL ARCHIVES, R.L. THIS
10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2000

Tommy [Signature]
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL/TECHNICAL
SERVICES C.N.D.R.A./NATIONAL
ARCHIVES, R.L.

CHECKED BY:

Jeremiah P. Wilson
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEEDS AND TITLES
C.N.D.R.A./NATIONAL ARCHIVES, R.L.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
PUBLIC LAND GRANT TRIBAL TERRITORY

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME: WHEREAS IN THE 2ND Section of an Act of the Legislature of Liberia entitled "An Act for the Government of Districts in the Republic inhabited by Aborigines approved January 25, 1905 was provided that there should be granted to its inhabitants of each town for agriculture purposes, and wherea people of Tienpo Chiefdom and the tribal people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District Number Two (2) of Grand Gedeh County and the inhabitants of said Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District No. 2 to the Number of heads of families, have applied for a grant of land in accordance with the provisions of said Act; now therefore, subject in reserving the possession of all minerals public auction 2 Articles 2 of the Act approved; February 4th, 1924, contained in the sub-soil of the reality hereby granted for agriculture purposes as herein stipulated and cultivation of said land to be perform by the grantee, and their heirs, I Samuel K. Doe, President of the Republic of Liberia, for myself and my successor in office, subject to the reservation here in contained have granted, and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto the said people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District Number 2, Grand Gedeh County and to the inhabitants aforesaid and their heirs, as tenants in common forever, all that piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being, in the Gbeapo District, Number 2, Grand Gedeh County and bearing in the authentic records of said District Number 2 and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point 100ft from the Dugbe River thence running / on magnetic bearings as follows:
thence running North 25 degree 30 minutes each 1184 chains to a point; thence running North 51 degree each 1231 chains to a point; thence running North 80 degree each 1326 chains to a point; thence running South 29 degree East 2128 chains to a point; thence running South 26 degree West 994 chains to a point; thence running North 77 degree West 3472 chains to a point of commencement and containing 679373 acres and no more.

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granted covenant with the perform of the following duties:
they will cultivate the land hereby granted by the planting
season from the time of such agricultural products as may be described
government Regulations; that one fourth of the land hereby granted
shall be maintained as forest reserved and that the grantees shall
at all times conform to the sanitary Regulations prescribed by law
regulation. Failing the performance of these obligations this
it shall become null and void, otherwise, to remain in full force
virtue.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted promises, together with
and singular the building, improvements and appurtenances thereto
their forever, And I the said Samuel K. Doe, President aforesaid,
myself and my successors in office do covenant to with the said
people and their heirs that the enrolling hereof, I, the said
Samuel K. Doe, President aforesaid for myself and my successor in office
virtue of my office and authority of said act had good right and aut
hority to convey aforesaid premises to the people of Tienpo and
Tribal people of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District No. 2 of
and Gedeh County and inhabitants whereof as janafits in common.
I the said Samuel K. Doe President as aforesaid, and my successor,
in office, subject to the reservation herein expressed, will forever
grant and defend the land of the said people of Tienpo and the
Tribal people of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District Number 2 and the
inhabitants said area their heirs against the lawful claims of all
persons claiming any part of the above granted premises. The above
granted land cannot be sold, transferred or assigned without written
consent of the Government of Liberia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said
Samuel K. Doe have hereunto set
my hand, and caused the seal of
the REPUBLIC TO BE AFFIXED this
Day of May A.D. 1986 and of the
REPUBLIC the 133th Year.

SIGNED: Samuel K. Doe
PRESIDENT

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David Carr, Sr.
AND COMMISSIONER
RAND GEDEH COUNTY

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E N D O R S E M E N T

Public land Grand - Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo situated at Gbeapo District, Grand Gedeh County was duly probated in the monthly and Probate Court, 7th Judiciary Grand Gedeh County, R.L. before His Honour Frank W. Smith, Resident Judge on the 22nd July 1986 and Registered on the same day according to law in Volume 483-86 pages 198-199.

Joseph Head - Registrar, Grand Gedeh County, R.L.

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Scale = 1" = 1000'

North 50° East
132.6 chs / 07.515 ft

North 57° East
123.1 chs / 07.217 ft

North 28° 30' East
110.0 chs / 07.143 ft

North 77° West
232.0 chs / 13.272 ft

TIENPO CHIEFDOM
GBEAPO DISTRICT
679,373 Acres

As per Enamling
Done & checked by [Signature]
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District Engineer
Grand Aerial Station
New York, N.Y.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF LANDS, MINES AND ENERGY

P.O. BOX 10-9024
1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA
TEL: (231) 226-858, FAX: (231) 226-281



November 19, 2010

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

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

I am pleased to forward to you the review and verification findings of a Public Land Grant-Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to The People of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District then Grand Gedeh County and now River Gee County issued May A.D. 1986 and containing 679,373.0 acres of land and no more.

The parcel (679,373 acres) granted/deeded lies in eastern Liberia where the Ministry has a stationed Resident Surveyor whose report is herewith attached. We feel confident that Mr. David W. Sluwar did his best in reviewing the title and verifying same in the terrain.

In view of the above, the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy finds the TITLE legitimate and that the Forest Development Authority should proceed within to grant the Private User Permit (PUP).

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

Kind regards.

Truly yours,


Maxwell C.F. Gwee
ACTING ASSISTANT MINISTER

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, SURVEYS & CARTOGRAPHY

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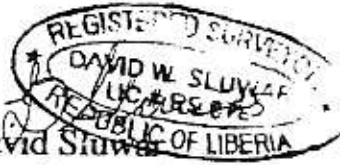
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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF LANDS MINES & ENERGY



P. O. BOX 10-9024
1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA
TEL.: (231) 226-858, FAX: (231) 226-281



From : Mr. David Sluwar
Resident County Surveyor
Grand Gedeh County
Republic of Liberia

To : Hon. George Y. Miller
Assistant Minister
Department of Lands Surveys and Cartographing

Subject : SURVEY REPORT

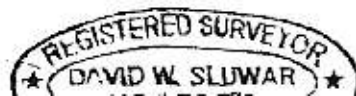
Date : November 5, 2010

Dear Hon. Minister:

I present my compliments and acknowledged receipt of copy of a public land grant – tribal territorial deed from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo by D. C. Wilson, Inc. on 5th date of November 2010. This land is situated in Tienpo chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County and contains 679,373 acres.

This land was recorded and probated in the monthly and probate court, 7th Judiciary circuit, Grand Gedeh County, Republic of Liberia before His Honor Frank W. Smith, Resident Judge, on the 22nd July 1986 and Registered on the same day according to Law in Volume 483 – 86 pages 198– 199. This Deed was registered by Joseph Head who was then Registrar of Deeds in Grand Gedeh County. Seal David B. Carr, Sr. land commissioner of said Grand Gedeh County.

Sir: the fact finding mission in response to who really own the land at Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County. As resident county surveyor in Grand Gedeh county from the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy, Bureau of Lands & Surveys have check the means and bounds of the 679,373 acres of land. This parcel of land situated, lying and being in the Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County bearing in the authentic records of said District #2 and bounded and described as



follows: Commencing at a Point 100 feet from the Dugbe River, thence running on Magnetic bearings as follows: Thence running North 25° degrees, 30' minutes East 1,184 chains or 78,144 feet thence running North 51° degree East 1,326 chains or 81,246 feet to a point; thence running North 80° degrees East 1,326 chains or 87,516 feet to a point, thence running South 29° degrees East 2,178 chains or 143,478 feet to a point; thence running South 26° degrees West 994 chains or 65,604 feet to a point; thence running North 77° West 3,472 chains or 229,152 feet to a point of commencing and containing 679,373 acres of land and no more.

I plotted the bearings and distances on the Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2 map according to the deed and it closed.

The officials of each chiefdom of Nanee River District, Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County are the owner of 679,373 acres of land.

I am kindly recommending to your good office the following below listed names of Paramount Chief's from Wleattaken Chiefdom:

1. Hon. Samuel B. Doe
Paramount Chief
Gblaiken
From Wleattaken Chiefdom

Names of Paramount Chief
and Clan Chief from
Chiefdom

CLAN CHIEFS

a) Chlacky Sattye
Clan Chief
Meayon Clan
Nanee River District

1. Hon. Dennis Summo, Sr.
Paramount Chief
Gblaiken Chiefdom
Nanee River District

b) Peter Wleh, Sr.
Clan Chief
Pumenaken Clan
Nanee River District

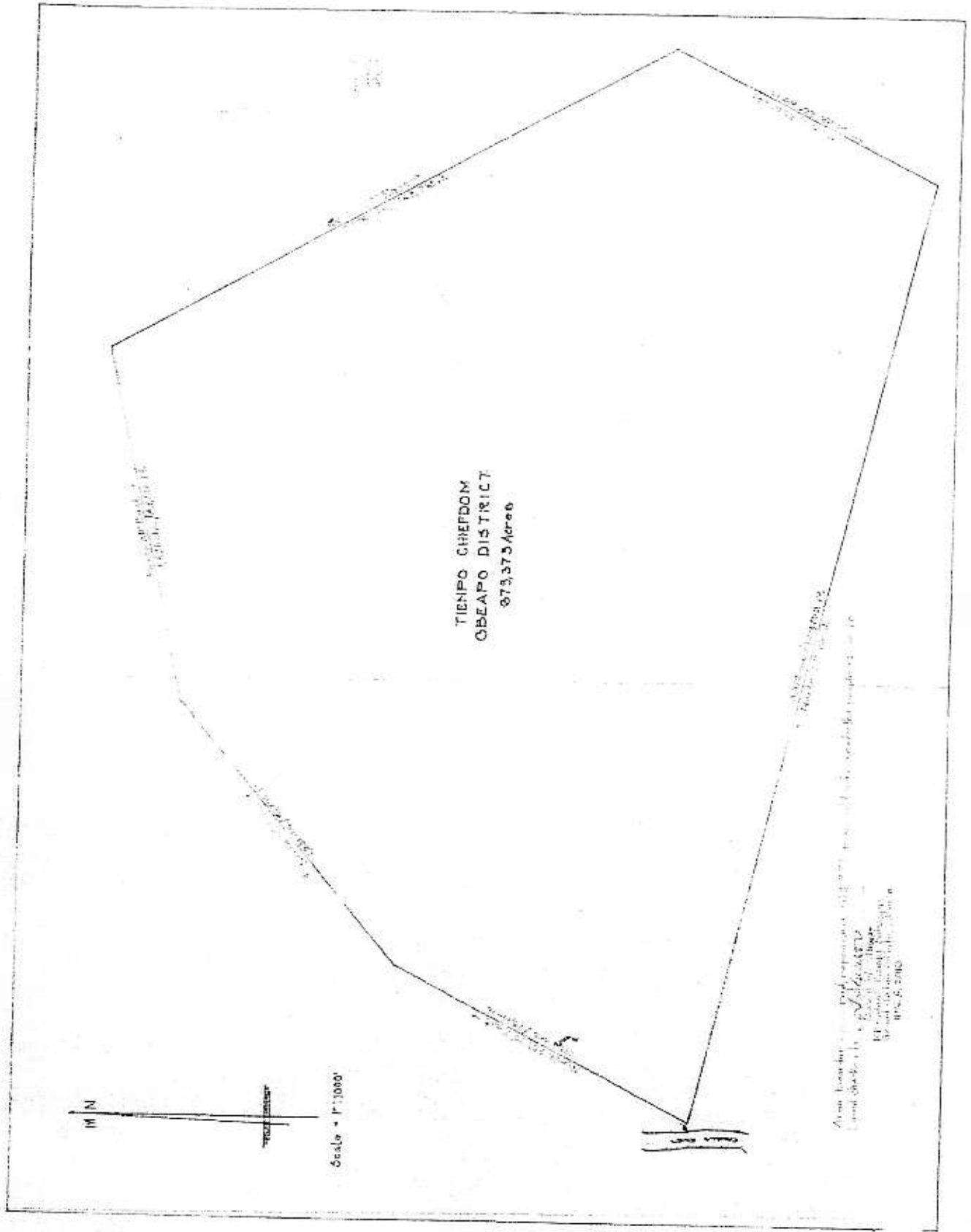
CLAN CHIEFS
a) Mr. Jonah Kayee
Clan Chief
Gblaiken Clan
Nanee River District

b) Mr. Matthew Nyong
Clan Chief
Nanee River District

All the citizens of Nanee River District, Tienpo Statutory District are the owner of the land.

M.D.W.


(Signature)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.
Managing Director,
Forestry Development Authority

FROM: John D. Kantor, Sr. 
Technical Manager/R&D
&
Towon Nyenty 
Acting Manager, GIS & RS Labs

Subject: *River Gee_Tiehnpo Deeded Land Validation Report*

DATE: Wednesday, April 28, 2011

Background

Predicated on a written communication under the signatures of Chairman, Alexander Kaye Sr., Secretary General, Nathaniel Sockan, Treasurer, Rachel S. Doe, Financial Secretary, Alex Tarty and Co-Chairman Elijah Seneh of Nanee Administrative District Forest Management Committee, requested an authentication of a tribal deed, diagram and location of Tienpo statutory district situated and lying in Southeastern Liberia, River Gee County.

A team of technicians from the FDA was mandated to visit Tienpo statutory deeded land property for detail ground truthing and the capturing of land marks and sight seeing of the area for FDA's management re-action. In light of the foregoing, FDA's Assistant Chief Surveyor William Quaye, Global Positioning System operators Victoria Kallon and Whyma Govantor, traveled to the area under investigation to capture the coordinates of Tienpo Deed commencement/Starting point so as to enable the FDA's Laboratory analyze the deed.

Field Patrol

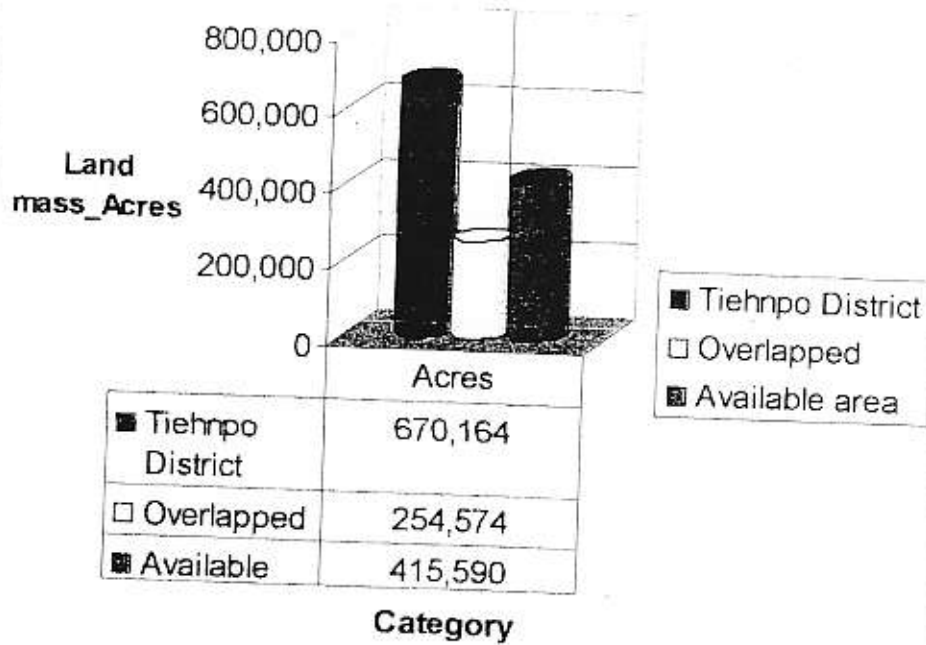
During the period Friday, November 26th- Monday, December 6th, 2010, the joint team patrolled a significant portion of Thienpo perimeters and gathered detail information relating to on going multiple uses of the area, types of vegetation and livelihood of community dwellers within the parameters of the forests.

Findings

Following an intensive tour by our technicians I observed and authenticated that:

- ◆ The Technical description/Metes & Bounds of Thienpo deeded land property was plotted and verified on the grounds using high precision gadgets by Messrs Quaye, Whyrna and Mrs. Victoria Kallon;
- ◆ Thienpo's commencement/starting point in the deed commences at a point marked on the surface of planet earth Latitudes 0583548 and Longitudes 0583856, approximately 100 feet away from the Dugbe River;
- ◆ After plotting the bearings and distances on the deed with captured coordinates, it was observed that 37.98% or 254,574 acres of Thienpo's deeded land falls into Euro Liberia Logging Company Concession or Forest Management Contract Area "F" which has already being granted by the Government of Liberia;
- ◆ Indeed the Thienpo deed bearings and distances are well computed;
- ◆ The total available land mass for commercial logging within Thienpo's Chiefdom is 415,590 acres which is equivalent to 62.01% of the total land mass;
- ◆ Deed submitted to FDA had the total land mass of 679,373 acres; re-computed deed from the Forestry Development Authority is 670,164 acres.
- ◆ The Thienpo District deeded land is 6,642 meters away from the upper border of Atlantic Resource Logging Concession, almost parallel with the Grand Cess River
- ◆ The area is the home of some protected wildlife animals species
- ◆ Topographically, the entire land mass of Thienpo Chiefdom deed submitted to FDA is relatively flat with few major water ways.
- ◆ The areas are truly located in Southeastern Liberia.

Histogram Analysis of Thienpo's Chiefdom



Recommendation

In view of the verification and confirmation of these documents by the Forestry Development Authority, coupled with our ground truthing, we herein recommend the followings:

- ✦ That the deed be validated by the Ministry of Lands, Mines & Surveys, with a new field geographic coordinates to enable FDA surveying crew conduct a cadastral survey, also, FDA should perform a Sensitivity Analysis on the Kiteabo Tribal property to avoid future encroachment. After re-authenticating the deed and found legitimate, with coordinates of perimeters provided to FDA GIS Laboratory, the FDA should perform the below activities:
- ✦ 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 for Thienpo Chiefdom Tribal Land totaling 415,590 acres or 168,187 hectares to the people of River Gee County in compliance

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with all relevant requirements of this section (particularly section 5.6 c (i,ii,iii) and d (i,ii,iii,iv,v,vi) respectively.

- * That the overlapped area in FMC "F" be subtracted or erased from Thienpo's decded land property to avoid conflict or overlap.

Cc/
DMDA
Law Office
Commercial Department
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