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Hon. J. Levi Demmah
Superintendent
Grand Bassa County
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Demmah,

We present our compliments and wish to inform you that the results for both the demarcation of the area of forest resources, and the socio-economic survey and resource reconnaissance, which were conducted in collaboration with the relevant local communities in Grand Bassa County, will be posted, commencing Thursday, July 14, 2016.

In accordance with the *Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands* (CRL), and Chapter 2, Section 10 of the *Regulations to the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands* (CRL Regulations), "for a period of 30 days, the preliminary draft of the survey and demarcation report shall be posted in the community and shared with adjacent communities for the purpose of their review and comments prior to finalization of the report."

Enclosed please find copies of the maps and reports of the socio-economic surveys and resource reconnaissance that will be posted in the communities listed below. We would also like to bring to your attention the following findings by the FDA, related to the demarcation of forest resources in the respective community forests:

1. Barconnie/Harmmondsville

- a. **Forest Size** – The proposed community forest is a composite of four parcels of forests:
 - i. Kokpeh – 289 Hectares (ha)
 - ii. Varyacon – 123 ha
 - iii. Paye – 72 ha
 - iv. Donnie – 127 ha

Provisional total proposed forest size = 611 hectares
- b. **Tenure Status**
 - i. There are no known disputes or competing claims over any of these proposed community forests at the finalization of this draft report.
- c. **Action Proposed by the FDA**
 - i. The community should review and validate the results.

2. The District #4, Kpoblen Clan

- a. **Forest size** – The proposed community forest is a composite of two parcels of forests:
 - i. Martro – 8,858 ha
 - ii. Kortro – 6,078 ha

Provisional total proposed forest size = 14,936 hectares
- b. **Tenure status**
 - i. Martro – There are no known disputes or competing claims
 - ii. Kortro – The demarcation result shows significant overlap with the Liberian Agricultural Company (LAC) concession.
- c. **Action Proposed by the FDA:**
 - i. The community should review and validate the results for the Martro;
 - ii. The community should amicably resolve the issue of overlap with LAC and present documentary evidence of such resolution to the FDA, so that the FDA is able to officially incorporate all of the proposed Kortro forest into the proposed community forest;
 - iii. If the community is able to resolve the overlap with LAC and present documentary evidence to the FDA before review of the draft CFMA, it will be considered for inclusion;
 - iv. If the community is unable to resolve the overlap with LAC before the draft CFMA is reviewed, the part of the Kortro forest that falls under the LAC concession shall not become part of the community forest at that time, though may later be included once the issue of overlap is finally resolved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, Mrs. Gertrude Nyaley, the Technical Manager of the Community Forestry Department. Thank you for your usual cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely yours,


Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.
Managing Director

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