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Hon. Tenneh Kpedebah Superintendent Grand Cape Mount County Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Kpedebah:

We wish to courteously share our compliments and acquaint you that the Management of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and its Board of Directors have devised means by which applications for community forest status could be more genuine and authenticated so as to avoid any matter that has the tendency to undermine the process and develop legality problem.

Accordingly, applicants who have applied for Community Forest status and undergone prescribed steps as it relates to the screening and subsequent approval processes are to additionally sign an AFFIDAVIT to further signify the clarity and authenticity needed to back their desire for community forest status as indicated in their applications.

Hence, the Authority has arranged a technical team, both from the FDA as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to visit your County from February 20-23, 2016 to conduct this exercise (signing affidavit of consent) after which we will be proceeding with the next steps of the process leading to the award of a Community Forest Management Agreement (CFMA).

It is in this light that we solicit your usual cooperation in this process given the crucial nature of the matter.

Kind regards

Sincerely yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr. Managing Director

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