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Chedepo Community Forest
Forest River Gee County

Hon. Harrison Karnwea

Managing Director

Forestry Development Authority

Whein Town, Paynesville

Monrovia, Liberia

June 16, 2015

Dear Hon. Karnwea:

We the citizen of Chedepo district write to apply for authorized forest community status in compliance with the community rights law with reference to the forest land of 2009 and its regulation of 2011. As owners of this forest we will like to manage the forest in collaboration with the FDA for the sole purpose of developing our community.

The Chedepo forest has over 40,000 hectares of forest land and is surrounded by the following towns: Chedepo Jarkaken, Killepo Toroken, Potupo Juwelbo, Potupo Gbaquiah, Potupo Pennoken, Geapo Podroken, Konabo, Grand Gedeh and Towabo, grand Gedeh County.

The forest area is composed of many features such as rivers, wetland, primary and secondary vegetation etc.

With the strong conviction of preserving the forest for the benefit of community we wish to manage, sustain and control the forest legally, so the ecosystem can be maintain in keeping with the community rights law of 2009 and its regulation. The community also depends on the forest for their livelihood such as farming, hunting, mining, construction material etc.

The community forest usages will be divided in two parts; one part will be used for commercial activities which will generate revenue for the community

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development in line with FDA law and regulations. The other portion of the forest will be preserved for conservation purpose no commercial activities will be allowed in this area, thereby sustaining the forest resource and ecosystem.

The community will work together to ensure that our norms and tradition are respected such as protecting females and males traditional bushes, forbidden animals, sacred sites, medicinal plants, plant sites. Etc. the community will work together to manage and protect the forest.

In other to prevent the unplanned and wasteful use of the forest the community in collaborate with the FDA will develop a comprehensive forest management plan to sustain and manage the forest.

By taking good care of the forest that is adhering to all FDA laws regulation etc. in a transparent manner will create cooperation and partnership between the state and the community. Thereby generating revenue for the development of the community.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Welleh

Josiah Welleh

Community Representative

Contract # 0886-367-788



FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monrovia, Liberia

No. **95302**

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPT

FDA Date: March 10, 2015

Received from

Chedepo Gbedesen Community

The sum of

100 hundred Fifty United States
dollars

Reason Payment for registration/application
for community forest

Paid By Cash Check

Amount \$: 250.00 usd

Date March 10, 2015

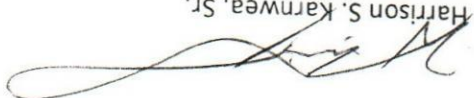
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County Montserrado
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Managing Director

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.



Sincerely yours,

Best regards.

Thanks for your usual cooperation and we look forward to working with you.

In accordance with the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) Regulations to the Community Rights Law with respect to Forest Lands Chapter 2; Section 7, the FDA is informing you that at the soonest possible time, a thirty day notice shall be posted within your community and adjacent communities for the conduct of a socio-economic and reconnaissance survey. This notice shall be provided with clear guidance on how transparency will be promoted within the process.

We are pleased to present our compliments and inform you that, after carefully reviewing and screening your resubmitted application seeking Authorized Community Forest Status, the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) wishes to notify you that you have met the basic requirement and is approved to proceed to the next step which is the posting of notice for the conduct of a Socio-economic and resource Reconnaissance Survey.

Dear Mr. Welleh:

Mr. Josiah Welleh
Community Representative
Chedepo Community Forest
River Gee County
Republic of Liberia

October 14, 2015

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Applicant Community Name:

Chedepo

Date on Application:

16-Jun-15

Date Application was Received by FDA:

15-Sep-15

Addressed to:

The Managing Director of FDA

Screening Criteria	Maximum Score	Aggregate Score	Comments on Scores	Status (FDA's Decision with recommendations by CFWG)
1 Community Address or Contact Details	5	3.7	Clear with contact detail and address	CFWG recommends that the FDA approves the application to allow the community to move to the next step.
2 Purpose of Application	15	12.8		
3 Description of the location of the land area, including important physical, geographical or environmental features	15	13.3		
4 Information on the communities way of life, especially the way they use or preserve and develop the forest resources in the area	15	13.7		
Stated Objectives:				
5 Sustainable use of the forest resources to maintain the forest ecosystem	10	9.7		
6 Acknowledgment and encouragement of diverse community traditions in the preservation, utilization and management of forest resources	10	8.7		
7 Conservation of the environment and biological diversity	10	9.0		
8 Creation of cooperation and partnership between the state and the community	10	9.3		
9 Payment of non-refundable fee of US\$250	10	10.0		
TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	100	90.1666667		

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Considered for Approval to Proceed

≥60

Disqualified and Forfeit of Application Fee

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FDA Officials that participated

1	2	3	4	5	Sign
Meedor H. Gray					
Roko B. Dewina					

The undersigned institutions of the CFWG participated in the screening of this application and endorsed its result

Signature

1	DR JOHNSON	
2	DR FEE	
3	SHARON K. BECKWITH	
4	JARSA N. OLECA	
5	ABRAHAM P. DAYE	
6	ACORD	
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APPLICATION FOR THE GRANTING OF AUTHORIZED COMMUNITY FOREST RESOURCES

Screening Date: 13-Oct-15

Screening Criteria	Maximum Score	Score from Groups/ Individuals										Tot Score	Int. Score		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1 Community Address or Contact Details	5	4	4	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	3.667
2 Purpose of Application	15	14	14	15	13	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	12.83
3 Description of the location of the land area, including important physical, geographical or environmental features	15	14	15	12	13	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	13.33
4 Information on the communities way of life, especially the way they use or preserve and develop the forest resources in the area	15	15	14	13	12	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	13.67
5 Stated Objectives; Sustainable use of the forest resources to maintain the forest ecosystem	10	10	9	10	10	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	9.667
6 Acknowledgment and encouragement of diverse community traditions in the preservation, utilization and management of forest resources	10	9	8	10	7	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	8.667
7 Conservation of the environment and biological diversity	10	9	8	8	9	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	9
8 Creation of cooperation and partnership between the state and the community	10	10	9	10	8	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	9.333
9 Payment of non-refundable fee of US\$250	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	10
TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	100	95	91	90	86	95	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	541	67.63

Applicant Community Name:

Chedepo Community

Screening Date: 13-Oct-15

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2 Purpose of Application	15	14	14	15	13	13	8	0	0	0	0	77	12.83
3 Description of the location of the land area, including important physical, geographical or environmental features	15	14	15	12	13	14	12	0	0	0	0	80	13.33
4 Information on the communities way of life, especially the way they use or preserve and develop the forest resources in the area	15	15	14	13	12	14	14	0	0	0	0	82	13.67
Stated Objectives:													0
5 Sustainable use of the forest resources to maintain the forest ecosystem	10	10	9	10	10	10	9	0	0	0	0	58	9.667
6 Acknowledgment and encouragement of diverse community traditions in the preservation, utilization and management of forest resources	10	9	8	10	7	10	8	0	0	0	0	52	8.667
7 Conservation of the environment and biological diversity	10	9	8	8	9	10	10	0	0	0	0	54	9
8 Creation of cooperation and partnership between the state and the community	10	10	9	10	8	10	9	0	0	0	0	56	9.333
9 Payment of non-refundable fee of US\$250	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	60	10
TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	100	95	91	90	86	95	84	0	0	0	0	541	67.63

Applicant Community Name: Ghedepo Community

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANTING OF AUTHORIZED COMMUNITY FORESTRY STATUS: SCORING FORM

Screening Date: 13-Oct-15

Screening Criteria	Maximum Score	Applicant Communities Individual scores per Screening Criteria				
		Bocob	CHDDEPO	San Gaben	Tosok	
1 Community Address or Contact Details	5	3	4	3	3	
2 Purpose of Application	15	14	14	13	15	
Description of the location of the land area, including important physical, geographical or environmental features	15	14	15	14	14	
Information on the communities way of life, especially the way they use or preserve and develop the forest resources in the area	15	12	14	13	14	
Stated Objectives:						
Sustainable use of the forest resources to maintain the forest ecosystem	10	9	9	8	10	
Acknowledgment and encouragement of diverse community traditions in the preservation, utilization and management of forest resources	10	8	8	7	10	
Conservation of the environment and biological diversity	10	8	8	8	10	
Creation of cooperation and partnership between the state and the community	10	10	9	9	10	
Payment of non-refundable fee of US\$250	10	10	10	10	10	
TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	100					

Considered for Approval to Proceed

Advised to Modify

Disqualified and forfeit of Application Fee

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≤39

Screening Group/Indiv No:

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