

C/O The Liaison Community Forest Management Team Grand Cape Mount County Liberia

October 28, 2012

The Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
Liberia

## Ref: LETTER OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZED FOREST COMMUNITY STATUS

We the citizens of Mabon Region Community Forests referred to as the Mabon Region Liaison Community Forest Management Team comprising of eighteen communities/towns all within Grand Cape County hereby submit our application for authorized forest community status in line with the provisions of the community rights laws (CRL) of 2009 and the draft CRL, Regulations.

The forest is located in Mabon Town, Gola Konneh District, which has about eighteen communities, Grand Cape Mount County, Republic of Liberia.

We have managed the forest for a period of over fifty years, thus we deem it prudent to apply for said status.

We hope that our request will meet your timely consideration in a bid to re-build our lives and participatorily develop our communities using our forest resources.

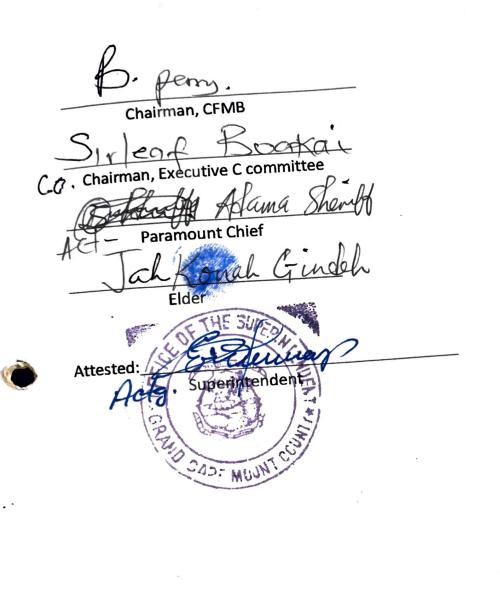
Your cooperation and consideration will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Chairman, Community Assembly

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Mabon Community Forest Gola Konneh District Grand Cape Mount County Republic of Liberia

December 5, 2014

ATM: TMC-3 KFT 12/11/14

Hon. Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

Managing Director

Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

Whein Town, Mount Barclay

Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Hon. Karnwea:

We present our compliments on behalf of the people of Mafala Region Community and hereby resubmit our letter of application seeking Authorized Forest Community Status in keeping with the Community Rights Law and Regulation of 2009 with respect to Community Forest Land.

The forest is located in Mabon Community, Gola Konneh District, Grand Cape Mount County. There are several towns and villages within the community forest, they are: mabon, Sheriff Village, Jame Curve, Gbalemu, Gointi, Jartu Town, Ma – Mai, Toe Village, Vai Ballo, Sieme Village, Moifei, Tawakeletu, Jonny Village, Joejai, Golodie, Than Town, Lofa Bridge, and Moore Town. Some features found within the forest include: Rivers, Wetlands, Animals and Plants species to name few.

The community depends on the forest for their livelihood and some of the livelihood activities done by the people of our community are: Subsistence Farming, Hunting, Fishing, Pit sawing, NTFP Collection, etc.

The community is prepared to use the forest resources in two different ways:

1. The community will use a part of the community forest for commercial activities which will enable the community to generate income for the development of the community and its people, thereby ensuring that all

- rules and regulations on the harvesting of forest resources are strictly ahead to.
- 2. The other part of the forest will be preserve from any commercial activities, thereby securing biodiversity and sustaining forest resources which will to a large extend protect the ecosystem for our existence.

The community will show respect for and encourage traditional beliefs by ensuring that everyone, irrespective of their belief, culture, gender, and tribe is given equal opportunity to freely engage in every community activities of his/her choice for the protection of the forest. Nevertheless, everyone shall be expected to respect one another in the practice of their religion, norm, creed, etc.

The community will avert the unplanned and wasteful use of the forest resources, by seek technical supervision from the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to development a inclusive guideline that will allow the community to sustainably manage the forest.

As community people, by managing this forest properly, will leave the state with no option but to establish cooperation and partnership with the community. Bu taking care of the community forest, the communities hope to achieve social and economic development, by building community schools, farm to market roads, clinics, and creating job opportunity for community natives.

With sentiment of our highest esteem.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: Sirleaf Frakai Chairman, Organizing Committee

Paramount Chief

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April 8, 2015

Mr. Sirleaf Boakai Chairman **Mabon Community Forest** Gola Konneh District **Grand Cape Mount County** Republic of Liberia

Dear Mr. Boakai:

The Management of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) presents its compliments and has the distinguished honor to inform you that after carefully reviewing and screening your resubmitted application dated December 5, 2014 for Authorized Forest Community Status, your application has met the basic requirements and has been approved for further processing. We will be proceeding to the next step (step 2) which is the posting of notice for the conduct of a Socio-economic survey.

The above exercise will be conducted ONLY after a" pilot testing of the eight (8) steps" leading to the award of a Community Forestry Management Agreement (CFMA) has been completed in nine (9) selected communities. The intent of this is to enable the Authority learn and then replicate lessons learned from the pilot into other communities including yours.

The Management of the FDA will inform you of further development as it unfolds.

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

**Managing Director** 

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o The Liaison Community Forest Management Team rand Cape Mount County Liberia

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Chairman, CFMB Chairman, Executive C committee Elder Attested: Superintendent

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