Project of Independent Observation in Support of Forest Law Enforcement in Cameroon

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Report No. 53En

Joint Mission: Central Control Unit – Independent Observer

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**Titles**  
FMU 10 001, 10 002, 10 003 and 10 004

**Location**  
Boumba and Ngoko Department, East Province

**Mission Date**  
21st March, 2003

**Company**  
CFC

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1. SUMMARY
The Central Control Unit (CCU), accompanied by the Independent Observer (Global Witness), carried out a mission within the Forest Management Units (FMU) 10 001, 10 002, 10 003 and 10 004 on the 21st of March 2003. The mission was part of a routine control programme started on the 14th of March 2003.

These three FMUs are located in Ngola 35, Boumba and Ngoko Department, East Province. They are parts of one and only concession allocated to the company CFC (Compagnie Forestière du Cameroun).

The mission focused on verifying whether the limits of the Annual Cutting Permit undergoing exploitation were respected and how field documents were processed. No illegality was noted by the mission within this concession.

The Independent Observer recommends that a mission be carried out at the end of the operating year to evaluate the volume of timber actually exploited by the company CFC.

2. RESOURCES USED
- 1 4X4 pick-up truck
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 Video camera
- 2 GPS
- 1 Laptop

3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION
The mission was composed of two CCU members, the head of the forest law enforcement East Province Brigade, an official of the Direction of Forests, the head of the Yokadouma forest section and two members of the Independent Observer technical team.

4. CONSTRAINTS
Fourteen days proved insufficient to cover all the titles undergoing exploitation in the East Province. The seizure of the Independent’s videocassette by the company Ingénierie Forestière (see Independent Observer report No. 055En) seriously reduced the capacity for action of the Independent Observer.

5. RESULTS OF THE MISSION

5.1 Summary of the case
FMUs 10 001, 10 002, 10 003 and 10 004 constitute only one concession allocated to the company CFC. Located in Ngola 35, this company also owns a sawmill.

CFC currently exploits the Annual Cutting Permit (ACP) No. 24, valid until the 31st of December 2003 (see Appendix 1). Following the example of various other companies, CFC also has a second ACP valid until the 30th of June 2003. This is due

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1 Control” in the context of this report means “Law Enforcement” or to “check compliance with law”.

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to the change of the operating year calendar initiated by the Ministry of the Environment and Forests (MINEF).

5.2 Field verification by the mission

The mission did an almost complete visit of the ACPs undergoing exploitation within FMU 10 003, not noting any irregularity. The mission however noted felling of trees at the very limit. Although this type of act does not constitute a violation of the law, it is an area to be verified by following missions.

**Map**: ACPNo.24 of FMU 10 003

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6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The verification of the limits of the ACP undergoing exploitation and the processing of field documents were the focus of the mission. No illegality was found.

**The Independent Observer recommends** that a mission be carried out at the end of the operating year to evaluate the volume of timber actually exploited by CFC.
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Partie 1. Localisation des traitements sylvicoles:

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Superficie totale: 6,437

* Les cartes forestières jointes à la demande montrent la localisation précise de l’assiette de coupe autorisée

Partie 2. Essences à recoller:

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Nombre total: 11,560  Volume total: 187,725

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