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Report of the Independent Observer

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Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission

Title FMU 10 038
Location Kadey Division, East Province
Mission date 16 August 2003
Company CAMBOIS (Holder)

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Within the framework of control missions started on 12 August 2003, the Central Control Unit (CCU), accompanied by the Independent Observer (Global Witness), undertook a field mission to the Forest Management Unit (FMU) No. 10 038.

FMU 10 038 was granted to the company CAMBOIS on 23 October 2000. The Annual Standing Volume (ASV) No.04 is operational during the current fiscal year.

After touring the access roads that had been opened, inspecting the log ponds and cross-checking operation records, the mission found no offences.

The Independent Observer recommends that a control mission be sent to this Forest Management Unit at the end of the fiscal year.

The Reading Committee recommends that

- Joint missions must avail themselves of all official documentation before traveling to the forests.

2. RESOURCES USED

- 1 Toyota Hilux Pick up
- 1 Yamaha 100 motorbike
- 4 GPS (Garmin brand)
- 1 Video camera (Sony brand)
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 Laptop computer (Sony brand)

3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

The mission was made up of Mrs Essono Danièle and Mr Djibrila, agents of the CCU; Mr James Afene Obam, Senior staff at the Forestry Department; the Chief of Forestry Section for the Kadey; the Head of Local Forestry Post for Mbang; and two members of the technical team of the Independent Observer.

4. CONSTRAINTS

The team left Yaounde without knowing precisely the forest titles they were to control. This situation made it impossible to prepare the documentation required to efficiently control the targeted forest title. The Independent Observer questioned the reliability of the maps placed at the disposal of the mission team by the logging operators.

5. MISSION'S FINDINGS

The Forest Management Unit (FMU) 10 038 was granted to the company CAMBOIS and is the subject of a Provisional Agreement signed on 10 October 2000. This FMU covers 145,585 hectares.

In the field, the mission toured the access roads and hauling tracks within the Annual Standing Volume (ASV) No.04. The mission also inspected the marking of stumps and the maintaining of field operations documents. No irregularity was observed during this mission.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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