

# Project of Independent Observer in Support of Forest Law Enforcement in Cameroon

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## **Report of the Independent Observer**

**No. 078En**

*Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission*

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<b>Title</b>	FMU 10 030
<b>Location</b>	Messok Sub-Division, Haut-Nyong Division, East Province
<b>Mission date</b>	20 August 2003
<b>Company</b>	PALLISCO

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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Central Control Unit (CCU), accompanied by the Independent Observer (Global Observer), undertook a mission to Forest Management Unit (FMU) 10 030, on 20 August 2003. The mission was part of a routine control programme started on 12 August 2003.

This FMU is granted to the company PALLISCO and the subject of a Provisional Agreement signed on 22 November 2001; it is located in the Haut-Nyong Division of the East Province.

The mission verified the boundaries, cross-checked field operation documents, and inspected tree stumps and log ponds. No irregularities were observed in this FMU.

**The Independent Observer recommends** a control mission be undertaken at the end of the current fiscal year.

## **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 Haut-Nyong; the assistant of the Head of the Local Forestry Post for Lomie; and two members of the technical team of the Independent Observer,

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

The mission met no obstacles.

## **5. MISSION'S FINDINGS**

### **5.1 History of FMU 10 030**

The FMU 10 030 was granted to the company PALLISCO and is the subject of a Provisional Agreement signed on 22 November 2001. It is located in the Haut-Nyong Division of the East Province. In 2000, this concession was the subject of illegal logging activities (of about 20,000 ha) presumably carried out by the company Société Forestière Hazim et Cie (SFH). This illegal logging case has been brought before a Cameroonian court of law.

### **5.2 Mission's observations**

The mission verified the boundaries, cross-checked field operation documents and inspected tree stumps and log ponds. No irregularities were observed in this FMU.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Independent observer recommends** a control mission be undertaken at the end of the current fiscal year.