

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

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*Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission*

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<b>Title</b>	SSV 08 10 146
<b>Localisation</b>	Ngambé Tikar, Mbam et Kim Division, Central Province
<b>Mission date</b>	30 July 2004
<b>Company</b>	SEEF

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2004, the Independent Observer (Global Witness) and the Central Control Unit (CCU) jointly visited Sale of Standing Volume (SSV) 08 10 146. This visit was embedded in the framework of the routine control mission programme started on 28 July 2004 in the Mbam and Kim Division. It had as objectives the control of forestry exploitation activities, research, observation and the pursuance on sanctions of eventual fraudulent timber extraction cases.

The Sale of Standing Volume 08 10 146 is attributed to the company Société d'Exploitation des Etablissements de Fombelle (SEEF). It is part of Sales of Standing Volume sold on auction in September 2003. Exploitation activities commenced last April.

In the field, the mission centred its work on the following:

- The verification of the respect of boundaries in the Sale of Standing Volume;
- The control of effective marking of timber in log ponds as well as of stumps;
- The conformity of felling declarations and the keeping of field operation documents
- The respect of minimum exploitable diameters.

The inspection did not reveal any offences.

In view of the above, **the Independent Observer recommends** the conduct of a mission at the end of the fiscal year to analyse felling statistics which will be produced by SEEF and registered in the SIGIF.

## **2. RESOURCES USED**

- 1 Pick-up Nissan
- 1 Digital photo camera
- 1 Digital video camera
- 2 Garmin GPS
- 1 Lap top

## **3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION**

The mission was composed of Ms Manhouli and Messrs Kongapé and Neckmen of the CCU, Mr Bikié of the IT unit of MINEF, the representative of the Ngambe Tikar Forest Post and Mr Moukouri of the technical team of the Independent Observer. The site manager of SEEF accompanied the mission in the field.

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

No difficulty hampered the smooth functioning of the mission.

## **5. RESULTS OF THE MISSION**

The mission undertook a complete tour of the main timber extraction tracks leading towards the boundary of the Sale of Standing Volume. It also verified the marking of logs and stumps as well as the conformity of felling declarations of certain logs found in the log ponds. The mission did not notice violations of the regulation in relation to the inspected elements.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Concluding from the above, **the Independent Observer recommends** the conduct of a mission at the end of the fiscal year to analyse felling statistics which will be produced by SEEF and registered in the SIGIF.