



SEWACAJULA COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT BODY (SCFMB)

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Hon. C. Mike Doryan
Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
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Montserrado County

Dear Hon. Doryan:

Please permit me to present compliments on behalf of the leadership of the SEWACAJULA Community Forest Management Body and citizens of Wacaba Statutory District and at the same time acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication of June 8, 2020, addressed to Mr. Oliver Clarke, Chairman/Community Forest Management Body (CFMB) SEWACAJULA Community Forest, referencing a fact-finding team headed by the Regional Forester of Region # 4, Mr. Paul Duo on the stalemate between Mandra/ SEWACAJULA and the CFMB, emanating from Mandra's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the signed Third Party Agreement.

In that referenced report, according to your communication, Mr. Duo listed several violations of the signed Third Party Agreement between both parties and recommended that the company strengthens its compliance mandate as enshrined in said agreement. The FDA management further reminded us as per your communication as mentioned supra, to channel all forest concession related grievances through the FDA for redress instead of ordering the closure of the company. You additionally lamented that under the law of Liberia it is only the FDA or a competent court of jurisdiction that can halt the operations of a Logging company based on its failure to fulfill all legal requirements. In closing, you therefore, directed that CFMB should allow Mandra/SEWACAJULA LOGGING Company to continue its logging operation activities while your management ensures that the operator adheres to the terms of the Social Agreement. Your communication lastly quoted the Management of Mandra preparedness to vigorously commence all activities leading to the full implementation of the Social Agreement signed with the SEWACAJULA COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT BODY.

Mr. Managing Director, with your permission, please allow us to officially inform you that, immediately upon receipt of your communication the leadership of SEWACAJULA Community Forest Management Body and the citizens had a well-attended meeting to critically review your communication in the wake of the long-running dispute between the company and people of the district which the FDA management is fully aware of and has failed to address amicably. During the meeting the citizens discovered that the FDA management has failed to play a leadership role in the Mandra vs SCFMB saga over the years! The CFMB is fully aware of the law being quoted by your communication, but was constrained to take action which you termed as being unlawful, but had no alternative but to just to flag the severity of the issues.

During the citizen and CFMB meeting, they declared vote of no confidence in the Mandra management and have resolved to not do business with such company anymore and is

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taking advantage of Count 10 of the agreement and calling for Dispute Settlement for the following reasons TO WIT:

- Mandra failure to start not even one of the four schools in the affected communities which should have been completed with the second year of its operation as enshrined in the signed agreement. Mandra agreement was signed June 25, 2017. This is June 19, 2020.
- Failure to complete a clinic in the first three years of its operation in the affected community
- Mandra failure to build roads and maintain existing roads in affected communities
- Mandra failure to pay for logs harvested and transported by waybills as contained in count 3.2 of the signed agreement
- Mandra failure to furnish the CFMB with copies of log data from LDF which shall serve as the official source of volume extracted
- Failure to start at least eight of the fourteen public latrines and eight of the fourteen hand pumps that should have been completed within the second year of its operation
- Mandra failure to regard the annual operational plan of SEWACAJULA thereby abounding blocks 0-9 & 0-10 with total 560 logs since 2018/2019 felling operations. *Extracted since two years ago.*

In view of the foregoing, we want to inform you that we are taking advantage of Count 10 of the Third Party Agreement which deals with dispute settlement and inviting your management to utilize section 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3 of Count 10 .

Failure to do just that and insist that Mandra continues operation in our community forest area, the FDA management should be liable for any eventualities arising there from.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Signed: Jenkins S. Saywon
General Secretary

Approved: Oliver C. Clarke
Chief Officer

CC: VOSIEDA
" Hon. Superintendent/Sinoe County
" County Attorney/Sinoe County
" General Manager/Mandra
" Chairman/Sinoe Caucus