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December 30, 2013 Mr. Jihad Y. Akkari **Managing Director** Liberia Hardwood Corporation Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Mr. Akkari:

We present season's greetings and acknowledge receipt of your communication dated December 26, 2013, submitting the following documents for Neezonnie and Bloquiah community forest areas for review and approval by Management:

- Two Annual Operational Plans for Bloquia and Neezonnie Community Forests;
- Certificate of Business Registration;
- Two Five-Year Forest Management Plans for Bloquia and Neezonnie Community Forests;
- FDA Administrative Fee Payment Receipts
- Copy of Pre-Qualification Certificate;
- Payment Receipts of Environmental Protection Agency Permit Fee; and
- Ten blocks numerated and verified by SGS for approval.

A thorough review and verification of these documents are satisfactory and in line with the relevant Provisions contained in the Liberia Code of Forest Harvesting Practices.

In view of the foregoing, Management has no objection but to approve the issuance of a temporary **Harvesting Certificate** in favor of **Messrs: Liberia Hardwood Corporation (LHC)** for a period of six (6) months beginning January **2**, **2014 and expiring July 2**, **2014**.

Please accept the sentiments of our high esteem as we collaborate to ensure a viable and transparent forest sector in Liberia.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr. Interim Managing Director

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Cc: AMD/Adm. & Finance TM/Commercial Forestry NAO File **REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

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December 30, 2013

Jihad Akari President/CEO Liberia Hardwood Corp. Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Mr. Akari:

We acknowledge receipt of the Annual Coupe documents in favor of **Messrs: Liberia Hardwood Corporation** for Ten (10) blocks #: R13, R14, S11, S12, S13, TII, T12, V7, V8 and V9 recommended for approval by SGS/LiberFor as reflected in the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) for 2013/2014 logging season.

Based on result of desk-based field verification and information system reconciliation carried out by the joint FDA/SGS/LiberFor inspection team, the documents correspond with the ground works and have met the criteria set.

In view of the above, Management hereby approves blocks #: R13, R14, S11, S12, S13, T11, T12, V7, V8 and V9 for entry and harvesting purposes.

This leaves Messrs: Liberia Hardwood Corporation with a balance of 17 blocks for the 2013/2014 logging season.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea Sr.

Interim Managing Director

Cc: AMD/ Operations TM/Commercial NAO COC SGS/LiberFor RF/R-3 CA/R-3(B) File

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December 30, 2013

Hon. Anyaa Vohiri **Executive Director** Environmental Protection Agency 4th Street, Sinkor, Tubman Boulevard Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Hon. Vohiri:

We present season's greetings and wish to inform you that **Messrs: Liberian Hardwood Corporation** is a legally registered and pre-qualified company under the laws of Liberia.

This company has submitted to the Authority (FDA) the requisite documents including payment receipts from the EPA for Environmental Permits dated November 16, 2013 for Bloquia and Neezonnie Community forests.

We anticipate the forest sector to contribute to the national government economic development program and meet up with the projected revenue for the fiscal year during this dry season.

In view of the aforementioned, we would like your Agency to timely consider the request by Messrs: Liberian Hardwood Corporation in the issuance of the Environmental Permits if they have met the requirements. We cannot issue Harvesting Certificate without the Clearance.

Please accept the sentiments of our high esteem as we collaborate to ensure a viable, transparent and a productive forest sector in Liberia.

Kind regards:

Sincerely yours Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

Interim Managing Director

HSK/JJT/ssn

Cc: AMD/O TM/Commercial National Authorizing Officer Manager, EIA Division File



Honorable Harrison Karnwea Managing Director Forestry Development Authority Whein Town Mt, Barclay Montserrado County, LIBERIA

December 26, 2013

Dear Sir,

We present our sincere compliments and wish to submit, under cover of this communication, copies of the following documents for both Bloquiah and Neezonnie Community Forests: (i) Annual operational plans; (ii)Business Registration Certificate; (III) Five (5) years Forest Management Plans; (v) FDA Annual Administrative Fee Payment Receipts; (VI) Prequalification Certificate; (VII) Ten Blocks numerated and verified by SGS and recommended for approval; (VIII) Payment receipts of Environmental Protection Agency permit Fee; (IX) Five(5) years Business Plan of Forest Management, in fulfillment of the requirements for obtaining the Harvesting Certificate.

In view of the above, we humbly request, and should be pleased were you to issue us the Harvesting Permit/Certificate to enable us commencing logging operation activities in our concession areas.

Kind regards,

Very truly yours

Jihad y. Akkari Managing Director

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