



Joint Implementation Committee of the Liberia-EU FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement

Aide Memoire

**Session of the 9th Joint Implementation Committee, March 21-24, 2022,
Monrovia**

Introduction

1. The Ninth Joint Implementation Committee Meeting (JIC) to oversee the implementation of the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) between Liberia and the European Union (EU) was held in Monrovia from March 21-24, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Harrison Karnwea, Chair of the Board of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA), Republic of Liberia, and co-chaired by Ambassador Laurent Delahousse, Head of the EU Delegation to Liberia. The technical discussions were co-chaired by Hon. C Mike Doryen, Managing Director of the FDA, and co-chaired by Stefania Marrone and Stephan Cocco of the EU Delegation. A full list of participants is also attached as Annex 1 to this Aide-Memoire.
2. In his welcome remarks, the Hon. C Mike Doryen, noted that the Parties were assembling at a time when the FDA had embarked upon "a series of comprehensive reform measures that were gaining momentum and beginning to have impact in the sector". In this regard, he extended his appreciation to the FDA Board Chair, distinguished members of Cabinet, and Heads of Agencies, and Development Partners for their support thus far.
3. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Laurent Delahousse, reflected that the EU and Liberia had now been working together for over a decade to build legal and sustainable governance of Liberia's forest sector, and that as one of the few remaining intact forests on planet, this work was "critical in our collective efforts to combat climate change". The Ambassador also noted that the gap between meetings of the JIC was regrettable, as it meant that the Parties were falling short of their commitment in the VPA to hold at least two meetings each year, and emphasised that the "The proof of Liberia's and the EU's commitment doesn't lie on the paper signed a decade ago." He concluded that Liberia was the custodian of a treasure that belonged to the children of Liberia and to the world, and that the proceedings of the JIC would contribute to "our collective effort to ensure sustainability of the forest for future generations".
4. In his opening remarks, the Honourable Harrison Karnwea noted that in recent months the President of Liberia had "declared his Government's commitment to the sustainable management of our forests for the benefit of this and future generations and to mitigate climate change, global warming and their adverse effects on the planet". He extended his appreciation to international partners like the EU, USAID and the UK, for their continued commitment to supporting the sector despite the global economic difficulties growing out of the pandemic, and reflected that while the whole world was "happy in extending their hands to collaborate with us", Liberia must ensure that nothing is done to undermine this support, as current and future generations of Liberians would gain more from sustainably managed forests.

ANNEX 6

Companies' tax and tax arrears

Current financial status per company FMC, TSCs, CFMAs, Plantation and other

Companies arrears from 2009-2021 area fee balances and 2020-2022 fees payment.

Arrears update on Land Rental and Land Rental Bid fees for FMC
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2021

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
Alpha Logging and Wood Processing Inc.,	7,483,386.00	5,457,037.73	2,026,348.27
Atlantic Resources Limited, Paynesville (Liberia)	7,078,164.80	5,225,580.79	1,852,584.01
EJ & J Investment Corporation / Mandra Forestry	2,743,252.16	1,933,109.21	810,142.95
Geblo Logging Inc, Monrovia (Liberia)	8,526,423.50	3,163,308.44	5,363,115.06
International Consultant Capital (ICC)	17,134,551.50	9,501,939.46	7,632,612.04
LTTC, Inc/Mandra, Paynesville (Liberia)	3,652,626.20	2,284,102.26	1,368,523.94
Grand Total	46,618,404.16	27,565,077.89	19,053,326.27

**Arrears update on Land Rental and Land Rental Bid fees for FMC
Companies**

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2021

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
Alpha Logging and Wood Processing Inc.	7,483,386.00	5,457,037.73	2,026,348.27
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	12,000.00	1,000.00
Area Fee	3,875,300.00	2,868,808.58	1,006,491.42
Land Rental Bid Fee	3,595,086.00	2,576,229.15	1,018,856.85
Atlantic Resources Limited, Paynesville (Liberia)	7,078,164.80	5,225,580.79	1,852,584.01
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
Area Fee	3,878,680.00	2,636,880.00	1,241,800.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	3,186,484.80	2,575,700.79	610,784.01
EJ & J Investment Corporation / Mandra Forestry	2,743,252.16	1,933,109.21	810,142.95
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Area Fee	1,861,015.00	1,057,872.05	803,142.95
Land Rental Bid Fee	869,237.16	869,237.16	-
Geblo Logging Inc. Monrovia (Liberia)	8,526,423.50	3,163,308.44	5,363,115.06
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
Area Fee	4,273,645.00	1,314,827.50	2,958,817.50
Land Rental Bid Fee	4,239,778.50	1,835,480.94	2,404,297.56
International Consultant Capital (ICC),	17,134,551.50	9,501,939.46	7,632,612.04
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00
Area Fee	8,674,575.00	3,624,112.81	5,050,462.19
Land Rental Bid Fee	8,446,976.50	5,872,826.65	2,574,149.85
LTTC, Inc/Mandra, Paynesville (Liberia)	3,652,626.20	2,284,102.26	1,368,523.94
Annual Contract Administration Fee	13,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Area Fee	1,929,655.00	778,947.98	1,150,707.02
Land Rental Bid Fee	1,709,971.20	1,499,154.28	210,816.92
Grand Total	46,618,404.16	27,565,077.89	19,053,326.27

Arrears update on Land Rental and Land Rental Bid fees for TSC
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2021

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
Akewa Groups of Companies, Paynesville (Liberia)	103,750.00	92,125.50	11,624.50
Annual Contract Administration Fee	8,000.00	7,000.00	1,000.00
Area Fee	43,750.00	33,125.00	10,625.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	52,000.00	52,000.50	(0.50)
B&V Timber, Brewerville (Liberia)	924,850.00	207,492.09	717,357.91
Annual Contract Administration Fee	21,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00
Area Fee	143,750.00	63,442.09	80,307.91
Land Rental Bid Fee	760,100.00	135,050.00	625,050.00
Bargor & Bargor Enterprises Inc, Paynesville City (Liberia)	102,150.00	62,050.00	40,100.00
Annual Contract Administration Fee	11,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Area Fee	62,500.00	33,000.00	29,500.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	28,650.00	24,050.00	4,600.00
Bassa Logging, Monrovia (Liberia)	166,750.00	110,200.00	56,550.00
Annual Contract Administration Fee	7,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
Area Fee	57,250.00	32,050.00	25,200.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	102,500.00	74,150.00	28,350.00
Sun Yeun Corporation Limited, Monrovia, (Liberia)	441,000.00	250,125.50	190,874.50
Annual Contract Administration Fee	16,000.00	6,000.00	10,000.00
Area Fee	100,000.00	49,100.00	50,900.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	325,000.00	195,025.50	129,974.50
Tarpeh Timber Corporation, Monrovia (Liberia)	154,750.00	104,000.00	50,750.00
Annual Contract Administration Fee	11,000.00	7,000.00	4,000.00
Area Fee	68,750.00	47,000.00	21,750.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	75,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00
Thunder Bird International Liberia	59,000.00	17,250.00	41,750.00
Annual Contract Administration Fee	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Area Fee	25,000.00	6,250.00	18,750.00
Land Rental Bid Fee	30,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Grand Total	1,952,250.00	843,243.09	1,109,006.91

Financial update on Plantations
January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2022

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
Arrow Alliance Group Corporation, Monrovia (Liberia)	29,782.66	28,381.89	1,400.77
Build Liberia Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	33,540.35	33,540.35	
Renals Internationals Inc. Monrovia (Liberia)	34,227.38	30,331.33	3,896.05
SHANGYOU WOOD INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT (LIBERIA), Monrovia (Liberia)	19,870.32	19,870.32	
WESTNAF LIMITED, Monrovia (Liberia)	450,756.57	450,756.57	
Grand Total	568,177.28	562,880.46	5,296.82

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Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
Arrow Alliance Group Corporation, Monrovia (Liberia)	29,782.66	28,381.89	1,400.77
Export fee	21,117.35	20,108.64	1,008.71
Stumpage Fee (Grouping)	8,665.31	8,273.25	392.06
Build Liberia Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	33,540.35	33,540.35	-
Annual Contract Administration Fee	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Annual Coupe Inspection Fee	900.00	900.00	-
Area Fee	800.00	800.00	-
Barcode Tag Fee	3,350.00	3,350.00	-
Export fee	14,250.52	14,250.52	-
Stumpage Fee (Grouping)	10,339.83	10,339.83	-
Waybill fee	900.00	900.00	-
Regnals Internationals Inc. Monrovia (Liberia)	34,227.38	30,331.33	3,896.05
Annual Contract Administration Fee	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Area Fee	18,121.25	16,985.00	1,136.25
Barcode Tag Fee	8,150.00	7,950.00	200.00
Export fee	1,000.22	1,000.22	-
Stumpage Fee (Grouping)	3,905.91	3,246.11	659.80
Waybill Sticker Fee	1,050.00	150.00	900.00
SHANGYOU WOOD INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT (LIBERIA), Monrovia (Liberia)	19,870.32	19,870.32	-
Barcode Tag Fee	5.00	5.00	-
Export fee	14,490.87	14,490.87	-
Stumpage Fee (Grouping)	5,374.45	5,374.45	-
WESTNAF LIMITED, Monrovia (Liberia)	450,756.57	450,756.57	-
Annual Contract Administration Fee	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Annual Coupe Inspection Fee	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Area Fee	5,176.00	5,176.00	-
Barcode Tag Fee	36,300.00	36,300.00	-
Chain of Custody Registration Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Export fee	201,188.38	201,188.38	-
Stumpage Fee (Grouping)	167,192.19	167,192.19	-
Waybill fee	150.00	150.00	-
Waybill Sticker Fee	32,250.00	32,250.00	-
Grand Total	5,68,177.28	5,62,880.46	5,296.82

Financial update on other companies
January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2022

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
East Atlantic Ridge Ltd., Monrovia (Liberia)	3,075.25	2,208.97	866.28
LINK LIBERIA, INC, MONROVIA (Liberia)	158.51	158.51	-
RB LOGGING INC, Monrovia (Liberia)	55,881.44	55,881.44	-
RDC, Monrovia (Liberia)	600.00	300.00	300.00
STADIUM INC., Buchanan (Liberia)	475,725.70	475,725.70	-
Grand Total	535,440.90	534,274.62	1,166.28

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January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2022

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
East Atlantic Ridge Ltd., Monrovia (Liberia)	3,075.25	2,208.97	866.28
Export fee	3,075.25	2,208.97	866.28
LINK LIBERIA, INC, MONROVIA (Liberia)	158.51	158.51	-
Barcode Tag Fee	50.00	50.00	-
Export fee	108.51	108.51	-
RB LOGGING INC, Monrovia (Liberia)	55,881.44	55,881.44	-
Barcode Tag Fee	120.00	120.00	-
Export fee	55,761.44	55,761.44	-
RDC, Monrovia (Liberia)	600.00	300.00	300.00
Barcode Tag Fee	600.00	300.00	300.00
STADIUM INC., Buchanan (Liberia)	475,725.70	475,725.70	-
Export fee	475,625.70	475,625.70	-
Export License Fee	100.00	100.00	-
Grand Total	535,440.90	534,274.62	1,166.28

Financial update on Forest fees for CFMAs
January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2022

Company	Invoice Amount (USD)	Amount Paid (USD)	Balance Due (USD)
AFRICAN WOOD & LUMBER CO, MONROVIA (Liberia)	810,311.68	780,670.13	29,641.55
Akewa Groups of Companies, Paynesville (Liberia)	603,927.43	477,840.90	126,086.53
BOOMING GREEN, MONROVIA (Liberia)	1,038,659.31	946,108.49	92,550.82
Brilliant Maju Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	553,955.39	539,090.33	14,865.06
COVEIYALAH INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES INC., Monrovia (Liberia)	416,265.73	415,765.73	500.00
Delta Timber Corporation, Monrovia (Liberia)	89,794.89	46,472.83	43,322.06
L&S RESOURCES INC, Monrovia (Liberia)	600,287.46	541,934.19	58,353.27
LTTC Inc., Paynesville City (Liberia)	885,986.72	616,978.75	269,007.97
LTTC THANRY, MONROVIA (Liberia)	14,720.42	14,720.42	-
MAGNA LOGGING CORPORATION, INC, CONGO TOWN (Liberia)	295,229.11	270,470.84	24,758.27
Mandra Forestry Liberia Ltd, Monrovia (Liberia)	4,871,410.44	4,871,411.44	(1.00)
Masayaha Logging, Monrovia (Liberia)	403,110.17	350,023.94	53,086.23
SANABEL Investment Company, Monrovia (Liberia)	76,294.93	3,750.00	72,544.93
SING AFRICA PLANTATIONS LIBERIA INC, MONROVIA (Liberia)	1,694,948.08	1,573,676.67	1,21,271.41
Sino Forest International Corporation Liberia Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	26,442.56	2,000.00	24,442.56
SIX S (6S) INTERNATIONAL TRADING LIMITED, MONROVIA (Liberia)	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
STARWOOD INC., PAYNESVILLE (Liberia)	143,806.05	131,268.89	12,537.16
Tetra Enterprise Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	893,408.15	822,833.22	70,574.93
Universal Forestry Corporation, Monrovia (Liberia)	156,950.00	1,950.00	155,000.00
WEST AFRICAN FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT INC, MONROVIA (Liberia)	1,362,985.90	1,340,837.71	22,148.19
West Water Group (Liberia), Inc., Monrovia (Liberia)	46,335.12		46,335.12
Grand Total	14,986,829.54	13,748,304.48	1,238,525.06