

**Private Use Permit  
Contract  
Between The  
Forestry Development  
Authority  
&**

*The People of  
Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo  
Districts, River Gee  
County*

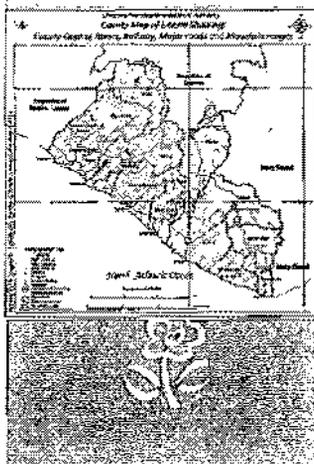
*F.D.A.*

*P.O. Box 10-3010*

*Whein Town, Mount Barclay*

*1000, Monrovia 10 Liberia*

*April 28, 2011*





**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)  
MONTSERRADO COUNTY)**

**PRIVATE USE PERMIT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE PEOPLE OF GBEAPO, POTUPO AND SARBO DISTRICTS, TIENPO CHIEFDOM, RIVER GEE COUNTY, FOR THE HARVESTING OF 45,873 HECTARES OF FORESTLAND**

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 2010, by and between the Government of Liberia, through the Forestry Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as the **Authority**, represented by its Managing Director, Moses D. Wogbeh Sr., and the People of Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo Districts, River Gee County, hereinafter referred to as **Gbeposa** represented by the District Forest Management Committee by and thru **Aaron Nyonocee, General Secretary, Chris Joye, Financial Secretary, Aletha Matthew, Treasurer, Joseph Kuo, Co-Chairman and Robert Porkpa, Chairman**, hereinafter collectively the Parties, hereby;

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is statutorily responsible for the sustainable management and use of all categories of forest resources;

**WHEREAS**, the People of **Gbeposa** are legitimate owners of a tract of forestland of 45,873 hectares by virtue of inheritance through a legitimate purchase from the Republic of Liberia;

**WHEREAS**, the Nancee Administrative District encompassing the said Gbeapo, Potupo and Sarbo Districts made an application to the Authority on November 12, 2010 on behalf of said citizens for the issuance of a Private Use Permit to commercialize their deeded forested land as can be seen from copy of said letter hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A";

**WHEREAS**, the citizens themselves from the said three districts herein named further writes on March 11, 2011, in addition to the Nancee Administrative District's request, for the issuance of a Private Use Permit as can be seen from copy of the letter written through their District Forest Management Committee hereto attached and marked Exhibit "B";

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Section 5.6 (d) (i) of the National Forestry Reform Law (NFRL) of 2006, copy of a duly certified Public Land Sale Deed issued in 1986 under the signature of President Samuel K. Doe, in proof of ownership of the subject tract of land is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "C" to form a cogent part of this Permit;

**WHEREAS**, in further verification of the subject property, the Ministry of Lands, Mines & Energy finally gives authentication and verification to the said Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo Deed through a letter under the signature of Acting Assistant Minister Maxwell C.F.

Gwee. Attached also is the said verification letter marked Exhibit "D" to form an integral part of this Contract;

**WHEREAS**, validation of the area in keeping with Section 5.6 (d) (ii) of the NFRL and Section 61 of FDA Regulation 102-07 shows that the said tract of land is suitable for commercial forestry. Said validation report is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "E" to form also an integral part of this contract;

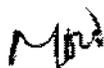
**WHEREAS**, **Gbeposa** is desirous of commercializing harvestable tree species on the said tract of 45,873 hectares of land;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority having examined **Gbeposa's** application and the requirements of Section 5.6 of the NFRL having been met, declares **Gbeposa** qualified for issuance of a Private Use Permit that will allow it enter into contractual agreement with a company or corporation to carry out said commercial activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

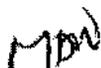
#### 1. Definitions

- a. Authority: The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) created by an Act of the Legislature on November 1, 1976.
- b. Annual Operations Plan: the plan that guides the annual operations of the Holder
- c. Chain of Custody: the path of custodianship followed by logs, Timber and wood products through harvesting, transport, interim storage, processing, distribution and export from source of origin in the forest to end use.
- d. Code of Forest Harvesting Practices: a set of standards for environmentally sound forest use prepared by the Authority
- e. Conservation: the sustainable management and protection of forest resources to achieve maximum environmental, social, economic and scientific benefits for present and future generations
- f. Forestry: the science, art and practice of conservation of forest resources
- g. Forest Resources License: any legal instrument pursuant to which the Authority allows a person, subject to specified conditions, to extract forest resources or make other productive and sustainable use of forest land. This includes Forest management Contracts, Timber Sale Contracts, Forest Use Permit and Private Use Permit.



- h. Forestland: a tract of land, including its flora and fauna capable of producing forest resources, or land set aside for the purpose of forestry, but not including land in permanent settlements and land that has been in long term use for non-shifting cultivation of crops or raising livestock.
- i. Forest Product: any material or item derived from forest resources.
- j. Forest Management Contract: forestry contract which covers a land area of 50,000 – 400,000 hectares.
- k. Holder: a person who holds a valid forest resources license
- l. Land Owner: a person who owns land by legal title
- m. Operator: a person harvesting or making commercial use of forest resources under a forest resources license, including a person working as an employee, contractor or other agent for a Holder.
- n. Pre-Felling Operations: legal requirements of the Holder before felling of logs. They include posting of required performance bond; preparation of initial annual operations plan and preparation of environmental impact assessment.
- o. Private Use Permit: a forest resource license issued by the Government to allow commercial use of the forest resources on private land.
- p. Public Use Permit: a forest resource license issued to extract forest resource from an area less than 1000 hectares.
- q. Reforestation: the establishment of a tree plantation in a previously forested area that has been affected by cutting, fire, or some other act of tree removal.
- r. Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS): the institution/company responsible to manage the Chain of Custody System.
- s. Timber Sale Contract: a short term forest resources license issued by the Government for a period of three (3) years that allows a person to harvest timber from a specified tract of forest land.

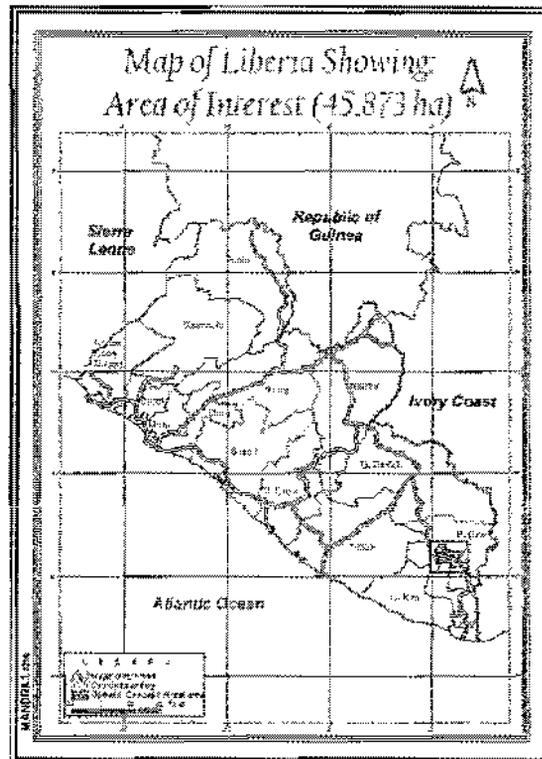




## 2. Metes and Bounds/Technical Description of Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo Districts Forest Land & Map

Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo area lies within Latitudes  $5^{\circ}6'0''$ - $5^{\circ}18'0''$  North of the equator and Longitudes  $7^{\circ}42'0''$ - $7^{\circ}54'0''$  West of the Greenwich meridian and it is located in River Gee County-LIBERIA.

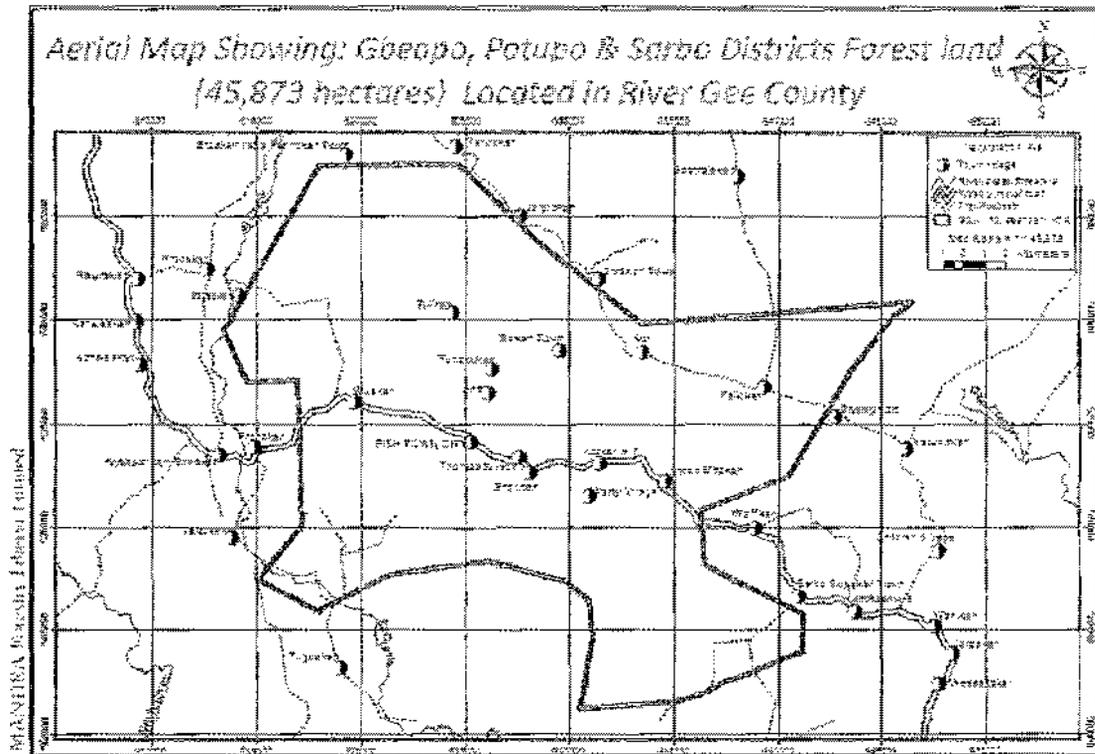
Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo boundary line commences at a point marked on the surface of the Earth {Lat/Lon} ( $5^{\circ}18'50.78''N$ - $7^{\circ}56'08.40''W$ ); thence a line runs Due East for 6,783 meters to a point; thence a line S  $45^{\circ}$  E for 5,271 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $51^{\circ}$  E for 6,472 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $86^{\circ}$  E for 12,986 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $48^{\circ}$  W for 231 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $56^{\circ}$  W for 808 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $39^{\circ}$  W for 3,568 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $30^{\circ}$  W for 5,838 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $69^{\circ}$  W for 4,454 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $5^{\circ}$  E for 2,695 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $61^{\circ}$  E for 5,267 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $1^{\circ}$  W for 1,806 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $70^{\circ}$  W for 1,048 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $66^{\circ}$  W for 1,907 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $72^{\circ}$  W for 1,165 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $62^{\circ}$  W for 811 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $70^{\circ}$  W for 1,476 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $86^{\circ}$  W for 4,708 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $9^{\circ}$  E for 5,458 meters to a point on an imaginary borders of River Gee and Maryland Counties; thence a line runs along said border westward for 11,064 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $61^{\circ}$  W for 5,021 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $39^{\circ}$  E for 3,236 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $2^{\circ}$  W for 6,991 meters to a point; thence a line runs S  $88^{\circ}$  W for 2,350 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $24^{\circ}$  W for 2,748 meters to a point; thence a line runs N  $29^{\circ}$  E for 9,295 meters to the point of COMMENCEMENT, embracing **45.873 hectares** of land and NO MORE.



\$

MTW

## Map of Gbeposa Forestland



### 3. Contract Objective

- a. To harvest merchantable tree species from 45,873 hectares of tract of land otherwise called the Gbeposa Forest Land
- b. To engage in reforestation of the area involving indigenous species
- c. To create alternative uses of the tract of land after harvesting of trees
- d. To create employment for about 300 locals of the contract area and surrounding towns and villages.

### 4. Contract Duration

The contract shall be for twenty three (23) years.

### 5. Chain of Custody System

In keeping with Section 13.5 of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and sections (1-35) of FDA Regulation 108-07, the Chain of Custody System will apply during the life and implementation of this contract. The system so established for the tracking of logs, timber and wood products from forest to processing and then to domestic or foreign market shall be managed by Societe

MTD

Generale de Surveillance (SGS) using SGS/Helveta equipment and software as provided for by section 3.2 (3) of the Chain of Custody System Management Contract of 2007.

6. **Land Rental & Stumpage Tax**

Consistent with Section 5.7(b) of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006, the Company shall not be charged to pay land rental tax. However, stumpage shall be paid consistent with Section 5.7 (c) of the National Forestry Reform Law and also consistent with Section 22(b) of Regulation 107-07.

7. **Other Fees & GOL Taxes**

All other fees and GOL Taxes levied on the project shall be consistent with the Revenue Law of Liberia and FDA Regulation.

8. **Pre-felling Date**

Before Company is certified for felling, all pre-felling operations including the following must be completed:

- a. Posting US\$50,000.00 performance bond
- b. Submission of initial annual operations plan
- c. Environmental Impact Assessment
- d. Social Contract

9. **Employment**

Recruitment and employment by the Company shall be consistent with Labor Law of Liberia and International Labor Organization.

**Termination**

This contract shall be terminated if the company upon notice of breach of any term of this Contract fails to remedy said breach within a period of (60) sixty days.

9. **Force Majeure**

In the event of force majeure, which causes either party from meeting its obligations herein stated, the Contract shall be suspended as long as the force majeure continues.

*MW*

*Q*

*13*

10.

**Duty of Care**

The Authority shall ensure that the Company maintains environmental quality of the cutting area and comply with all other conditions consistent with the Liberia Code of Harvesting Practices to include:

- a. Water course protection
- b. Erosion prevention
- c. Prevention of pollution to rivers, streams and other waterways by disposal of wastes
- d. Prevention of fire disaster

The operation shall also be in conformity with international conventions to which Liberia is a party. They include: the Convention on Biodiversity, the International Tropical Timber Agreement, the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention on International Trade In Endangered Species and the RAMSAR Convention on Wetland Management

11.

**Governing Laws**

In effecting this Contract between the Corporation and the Authority, the relevant Laws of Liberia including but not limited to the National Forestry Reform Law and regulation governing Chain of Custody will prevail.

12.

**Binding Effect**

This Agreement is binding on the parties, their successors-in-office as if they were physically present at execution of this instrument.

In witness whereof, we have affixed our signatures on the day and date first mentioned above.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten mark]*

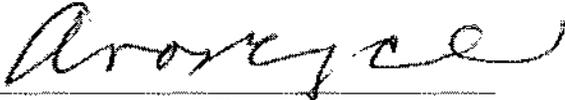
*[Handwritten mark]*

**FOR THE AUTHORITY**

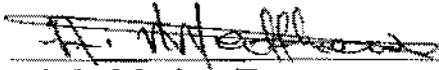
  
Witness

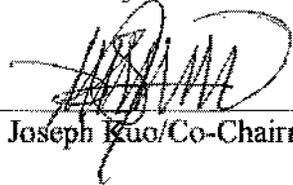
Approved:   
Moses D. Wogheh, Sr.  
Managing Director

**FOR THE PEOPLE OF GBEAPO, POTUPO AND SARBO DISTRICTS**

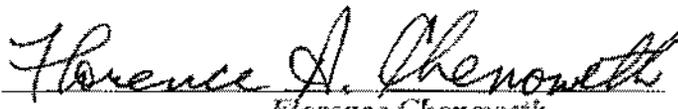
  
Aaron Nyonoce/General Secretary

  
Chris Joye/Financial Secretary

  
Aletha Matthew/Treasurer

  
Joseph Kuo/Co-Chairman

  
Robert Porkpa/Chairman

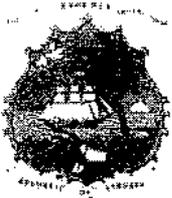
Approved   
Florence Chenoweth  
Chairman-FDA Board of Directors



*M/D*

*GA*

*115*



**THE LIBERIAN SENATE**  
CAPITOL HILL, MONROVIA, LIBERIA  
WEST AFRICA

May 10, 2011

Hon. Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.  
**Managing Director**  
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)  
Fedell Campus Community  
Montserrado County  
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

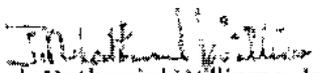
I present my compliments and wish to use this medium to extend thanks and appreciation to you for the significant improvements you have initiated at the Forest Development Authority since your ascendancy as Managing Director which has restored confidence in the **Forestry Management sector**, that made it possible first in history for the Traditional people to directly receive social Development funds from concessionaire.

Accordingly, I have had consultations with you regarding the interest of a Logging Company, D.C. Wilson INC. that expresses its desire to invest in River Gee County in the Timber Industry. I am writing officially to request your entity to approve a **PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT**, a request which has been filed by Communities and people who will be affected as well as the Company.

Basically, I believe that if approved, this will give an enormous relief to the people of River Gee County in terms of employment opportunity which eventually will stimulate the National **ECONOMY** of which River Gee is a segment for revenue generation.

Kind regards.

Sincerely Yours,

  
J. Nathaniel Williams, Jr.

**Senator River Gee County & Lead Chair**  
Senate Joint Committee on Labour and Judiciary

*MW*

Exhibit "A"

# Nanee Administrative District Forest Management Committee (FMC)

Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County  
Republic of Liberia

November 12, 2010

Hon. Moses Wogbeh  
Managing Director  
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)  
KAPA House  
Elie Saliby Compound, Congo Town  
Monrovia, Liberia

*Nanneh Tondel*  
0652016

Re: PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT:

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

The citizens of Nanee Administrative District within the Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County, represented by our civil and traditional Leaders, Elders, Women, Youths, Chiefs and Opinion Leaders have commenced negotiations with the D.C. Wilson Inc. for the extraction of logs from our district, Nanee District Forest area.

Under the agreement to work within our tribal territory forest, we intent to relinquish all rights and privileges to D.C. Wilson Inc. for the purpose of carrying on full logging activities on 49,999 hectares of forest land owned by the people of Nanee District, which located in the Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County.

Accordingly, we write on behalf of the citizens of Nanee District to request the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to grant us (the district), a Private Land Use Permit for the tribal territory forest under the New Amended Forestry Law (2006) of the Republic of Liberia, to give D.C. Wilson Inc. the authorization to commence with logging activities.

Considering the above recommendation, we are pleased also to introduce to you the full listing for the elected officials of the Forest Management Committee (FMC) of the Nanee District, and see below they are signatories:

*Alexander Kaye Sr.*  
Alexander Kaye Sr.  
CHAIRMAN

*Nathaniel J. Sockan*  
Nathaniel Sockan  
GENERAL SECRETARY

*Rachels. Doe*  
Rachel S. Doe  
TREASURER

*Alex Tarty*  
Alex Tarty  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

*Elijah Sench*  
Elijah Sench  
CO-CHAIRMAN

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

Exhibit "B"



JUDICIAL BRANCH  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



**TIENPO PROVISIONAL MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT  
TIENPO STATUTORY DISTRICT  
RIVER GEE COUNTY, R.L.**

**SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM A.D. 2011**

**BEFORE HIS HONOUR DAVID F. SARTEH, JUDGE OF THE MONTHLY AND  
PROBATE COURT (TIENPO)**

Personally appeared before me in my office within the County of River Gee, Republic of Liberia this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2011, A duly qualify Provisional Monthly and Probate Judge, Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County.

And did in my present and in the presence of each other execute and signed their genuine signatures on the said instrument(s) to be the person(s) they represent and that the same was made in my presence and declared by each of them to be their voluntary acts and in their own hand writing.

Therefore, as Monthly and Probate Judge of the aforesaid county, have attached my official signature and seal to avail when where necessary. I have affixed my genuine signatures attesting to this transaction by the power vested in me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

Approved:   
His Honour. David F. Sarteh  
MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT JUDGE  
TIENPO STATUTORY DISTRICT  
RIVER GEE COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

\$10.00 Revenue Stamp affixed on the original.

Mbw

Zehibaf "B"

**Gbeapo, Potupo & Sarbo Districts Forest Management Committee**

**Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2**

**Phone: +231 (06) 626 489; River Gee County, Republic of Liberia**

March 9, 2011

Hon. Moses Wogbeh  
Managing Director  
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)  
P. O. Box 3010  
Monrovia, Liberia

Re: **PRIVATE LAND USE PERMIT:**

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

We, the citizens of Gbeapo, Potupo and Sarbo Districts, Tienpo Chiefdom, River Gee County, represented by our civil and traditional Leaders, Elders, Women, Youths, Chiefs and Opinion Leaders, kindly request that you issue us a Private User Permit for a parcel of forest land of about 45,873 hectares to enable us exploit said forest land for the socio-economic benefit of our citizens and districts.

Please find attached a copy of our Public Land Grant – Tribal Territorial Deed from the Republic of Liberia as verified by the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy for your ease of reference.

Thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation.

**FOR THE GBEAPO, POTUPO & SARBO DISTRICTS FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**



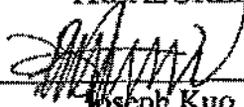
Aaron Nyonoce  
GENERAL SECRETARY



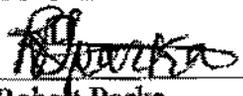
Chris Joye  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Aletha Matthew  
TREASURER



Joseph Kuo  
Co-CHAIRMAN



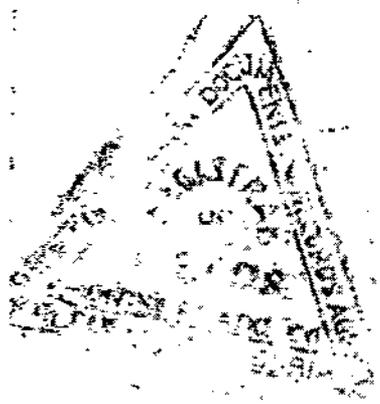
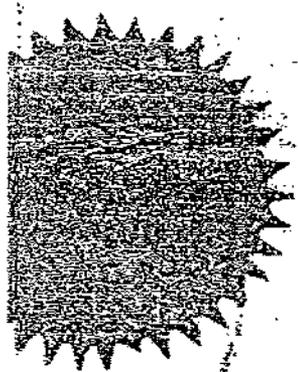
Robert Porka  
CHAIRMAN





Exhibit "C" in Bulk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the document herein is a true and correct copy of a public Land Grant-Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District, Grand Gedeh County as Recorded in Volume 483-86 pages 198-199 of the Grand Gedeh County, R. L. Filed in the Center for National Documents and Records Agency/ National Archives, R. L.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS AGENCY/ NATIONAL ARCHIVES, R. L. THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A. D. 2000.

Tommy [Signature] DIRECTOR GENERAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES C.N.D.R.A./NATIONAL ARCHIVES, R. L.

CHECKED BY:

[Signature]

Jeffrey P. Wilson SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEEDS AND TITLES C.N.D.R.A./NATIONAL ARCHIVES, R. L.

MW

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
PUBLIC LAND GRANT TRIBAL TERRITORY

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME: WHEREAS IN THE 2ND Section of an Act of the Legislature of Liberia entitled "An Act for the Government of Districts in the Republic inhabited by Aborigines approved January 25, 1905 was provided that there should be granted to its inhabitants of each town for agriculture purposes, and whereas people of Tienpo Chiefdom and the tribal people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District Number Two (2) of Grand Gedeh County and the inhabitants of said Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District No. 2 to the Number of heads of families, have applied for a grant of land in accordance with the provisions of said Act; now therefore, subject in reserving the possession of all minerals public auction 2 Articles 2 of the Act approved: February 4th, 1924, contained in the sub-soil of the reality hereby granted for agriculture purposes as herein stipulated and cultivation of said land to be perform by the grantee, and their heirs, I Samuel K. Doe, President of the Republic of Liberia, for myself and my successor in office, subject to the reservation here in contained have granted, and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto the said people of Tienpo, Gbeapo District Number 2, Grand Gedeh County and to the inhabitants aforesaid and their heirs, as tenants in common forever, all that piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being, in the Gbeapo District, Number 2, Grand Gedeh County and bearing in the authentic records of said District Number 2 and bounded and described as follows:

~~Commencing at a point 100ft from the Dugbe River thence running~~  
~~on magnetic bearings as follows:~~

thence running North 25 degree 30 minutes each 1184 chains to a point; thence running North 51 degree each 1231 chains to a point; thence running North 80 degree each 1326 chains to a point; thence running South 29 degree East 2178 chains to a point; thence running South 26 degree West 994 chains to a point; thence running North 77 degree West 3472 chains to a point of commencement and containing 679373 acres and no more.

granted covenant with the perform of the following duties: . . .  
they will cultivate the land hereby granted by the planting  
from the time of such agricultural products as may described  
Government Regulations; that one fourth of the land hereby granted  
shall be maintained as forest reserved and that the grantees shall  
at all times confirm to the sanitary Regulations prescribed by law  
regulation. Failing the performance of these obligations this  
act shall become null and void, otherwise, to remain in full force  
virtue.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted promises, together with  
and singular the building, improvements and appurtenances thereto  
their forever, And I the said Samuel K. Doe, President aforesaid,  
myself and my successors in office do covenant to with the said  
people and their heirs that the ensembling hereof, I, the said  
Samuel K. Doe, President aforesaid for myself and my successor in office  
virtue of my office and authority of said act had good right and au-  
thority to convey aforesaid premises to the people of Tienpo and  
the Tribal people of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District No. 2 of  
and Gedeh County and inhabitants whereof as janafits in common.  
I the said Samuel K. Doe President as aforesaid, and my successor,  
in office, subject to the reservation herein expressed, will forever  
grant and defend the land of the said people of Tienpo and the  
tribal people of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District Number 2 and the  
inhabitants said area their heirs against the lawful claims of all  
persons claiming any part of the above granted premises. The above  
granted land cannot be sold, transferred or assigned without written  
consent of the Government of Liberia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said  
Samuel K. Doe have hereunto set  
my hand, and caused the seal of  
the REPUBLIC TO BE AFFIXED this  
Day of May A.D. 1986 and of the  
REPUBLIC the 133th Year.

SIGNED: Samuel K. Doe  
PRESIDENT

SEAL

David Carr, Sr.  
AND COMMISSIONER  
GRAND GEDEH COUNTY

E N D O R S E M E N T

Public land Grand - Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo situated at Gbeapo District, Grand Gedeh County was duly probated in the monthly and Probate Court, 7th Judiciary Grand Gedeh County, R.L. before His Honour Frank W. Smith, Resident Judge on the 22nd July 1986 and Registered on the same day according to law in Volume 483-86 pages 198-199.

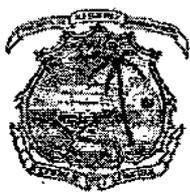
Joseph Head - Registrar, Grand Gedeh County, R.L.

Ⓢ  
#

MW



Zachiboff "D" In Bulk



**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LANDS, MINES AND ENERGY**



P.O. BOX 10-9024  
1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA  
TEL: (231) 226-858, FAX: (231) 226-281

November 19, 2010

Hon. Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.  
Managing Director  
Forestry Development Authority  
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Hon. Wogbeh:

I am pleased to forward to you the review and verification findings of a Public Land Grant-Tribal Territory from the Republic of Liberia to The People of Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District then Grand Gedeh County and now River Gee County issued May A.D. 1986 and containing 679,373.0 acres of land and no more.

The parcel (679,373 acres) granted/deeded lies in eastern Liberia where the Ministry has a stationed Resident Surveyor whose report is herewith attached. We feel confident that Mr. David W. Sluwar did his best in reviewing the title and verifying same in the terrain.

In view of the above, the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy finds the TITLE legitimate and that the Forest Development Authority should proceed within to grant the Private User Permit (PUP).

We trust that you shall find the above useful and remain committed to cooperating with the FDA in all such endeavors.

Kind regards.

Truly yours,

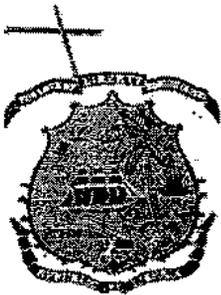
*Maxwell C.F. Gwee*  
Maxwell C.F. Gwee

**ACTING ASSISTANT MINISTER**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LANDS SURVEYS & CARTOGRAPHY**



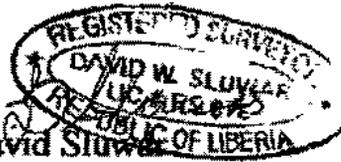
*Handwritten mark*

*Handwritten mark*



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
**MINISTRY OF LANDS MINES & ENERGY**

P. O. BOX 10-9024  
 1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA  
 TEL: (231) 226-858, FAX: (231) 226-281



From : Mr. David Sluviar  
 Resident County Surveyor  
 Grand Gedeh County  
 Republic of Liberia

To : Hon. George Y. Miller  
 Assistant Minister  
 Department of Lands Surveys and Cartographing

Subject : SURVEY REPORT

Date : November 5, 2010

Dear Hon. Minister:

I present my compliments and acknowledged receipt of copy of a public land grant – tribal territorial deed from the Republic of Liberia to the people of Tienpo by D. C. Wilson, Inc. on 5<sup>th</sup> date of November 2010. This land is situated in Tienpo chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County and contains 679,373 acres.

This land was recorded and probated in the monthly and probate court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judiciary circuit, Grand Gedeh County, Republic of Liberia before His Honor Frank W. Smith, Resident Judge, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1986 and Registered on the same day according to Law in Volume 483 – 86 pages 198– 199. This Deed was registered by Joseph Head who was then Registrar of Deeds in Grand Gedeh County. Seal David B. Carr, Sr. land commissioner of said Grand Gedeh County.

Sir: the fact being in response to who really own the land at Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County. As resident county surveyor of Grand Gedeh county from the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy, Bureau of Lands & Surveys have check the means and bounds of the 679,373 acres of land. This parcel of land situated, lying and being in the Gbeapo District #2, Grand Gedeh County bearing in the authentic records of said District #2 and bounded and described as

*(Handwritten initials)*  
 REGISTERED SURVEYOR  
 DAVID W. SLUVIAR  
 REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

follows: Commencing at a Point 100 feet from the Dugbe River, thence running on Magnetic bearings as follows: Thence running North 25<sup>0</sup> degrees, 30 minutes East 1,184 chains or 78,144 feet thence running North 51<sup>0</sup> degree East 1,326 chains or 81,246 feet to a point; thence running North 80<sup>0</sup> degrees East 1,326 chains or 87,516 feet to a point, thence running South 29<sup>0</sup> degrees East 2,178 chains or 143,478 feet to a point; thence running South 26<sup>0</sup> degrees West 994 chains or 65,604 feet to a point; thence running North 77<sup>0</sup> West 3,472 chains or 229,152 feet to a point of commencing and containing 679,373 acres of land and no more.

I plotted the bearings and distances on the Tienpo Chiefdom, Gbeapo District #2 map according to the deed and it closed.

The officials of each chiefdom of Nanee River District, Tienpo Statutory District, River Gee County are the owner of 679,373 acres of land.

I am kindly recommending to your good office the following below listed names of Paramount Chief's from Wleattaken Chiefdom:

1. Hon. Samuel B. Doe  
Paramount Chief  
Gblaiken  
From Wleattaken Chiefdom

Names of Paramount Chief  
and Clan Chief from  
Chiefdom

CLAN CHIEFS

a) Chlacky Sattye  
Clan Chief  
Meayon Clan  
Nanee River District

1: Hon. Dennis Summo, Sr.

Paramount Chief  
Gblaiken Chiefdom  
Nanee River District

b) Peter Wleh, Sr.  
Clan Chief  
Pumenaken Clan  
Nanee River District

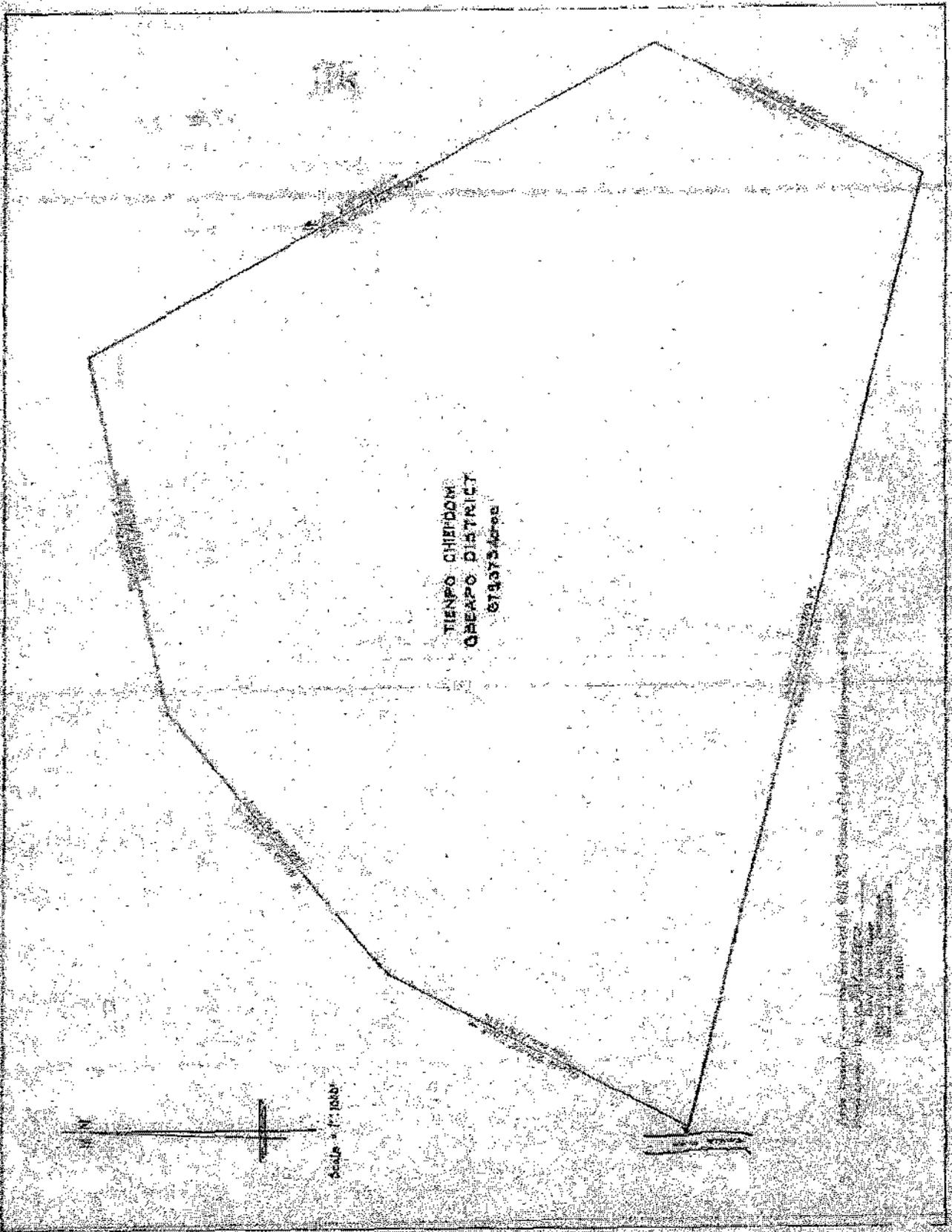
CLAN CHIEFS

a) Mr. Jonah Kayee  
Clan Chief  
Gblaiken Clan  
Nanee River District

b) Mr. Matthew Nyong  
Clan Chief  
Nanee River District

All the citizens of Nanee River District, Tienpo Statutory District are the owner of the land.

 M.D.

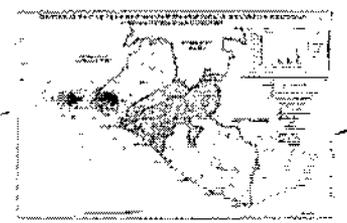


TIENPO CHIEDOM  
CHEAPO DISTRICT  
613375 Acres

*Handwritten symbol*

*Handwritten text*

Exhibit "E"



**Forestry Development Authority**  
**P.O. Box 10-3010**  
**Elise Saliby's Compound**  
**Kappa House, Congo Town**  
**Monrovia, Liberia**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Moses D. Wogbeh, Sr.  
Managing Director,  
Forestry Development Authority

**FROM:** John D. Kantor, Sr.   
Technical Manager/R&D  
&  
Towon Nyenty   
Acting Manager, GIS & RS Labs

**Subject:** *River Gee\_Tiehnpo Deeded Land Validation Report*

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 28, 2011

**Background**

Predicated on a written communication under the signatures of Chairman, Alexander Kaye Sr., Secretary General, Nathaniel Sockan, Treasurer, Rachel S. Doe, Financial Secretary, Alex Tarty and Co-Chairman Elijah Seneh of Nanee Administrative District Forest Management Committee, requested an authentication of a tribal deed, diagram and location of Tienpo statutory district situated and lying in Southeastern Liberia, River Gee County.

A team of technicians from the FDA was mandated to visit Tienpo statutory deeded land property for detail ground truthing and the capturing of land marks and sight seeing of the area for FDA's management re-action. In light of the foregoing, FDA's Assistant Chief Surveyor William Quaye, Global Positioning System operators Victoria Kallon and Whyrna Govantor, traveled to the area under investigation to capture the coordinates of Tiehnpo Deed commencement/Starting point so as to enable the FDA's Laboratory analyze the deed.

 M.D.W.

### Field Patrol

During the period Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the joint team patrolled a significant portion of Thienpo perimeters and gathered detail information relating to on going multiple uses of the area, types of vegetation and livelihood of community dwellers within the parameters of the forests.

### Findings

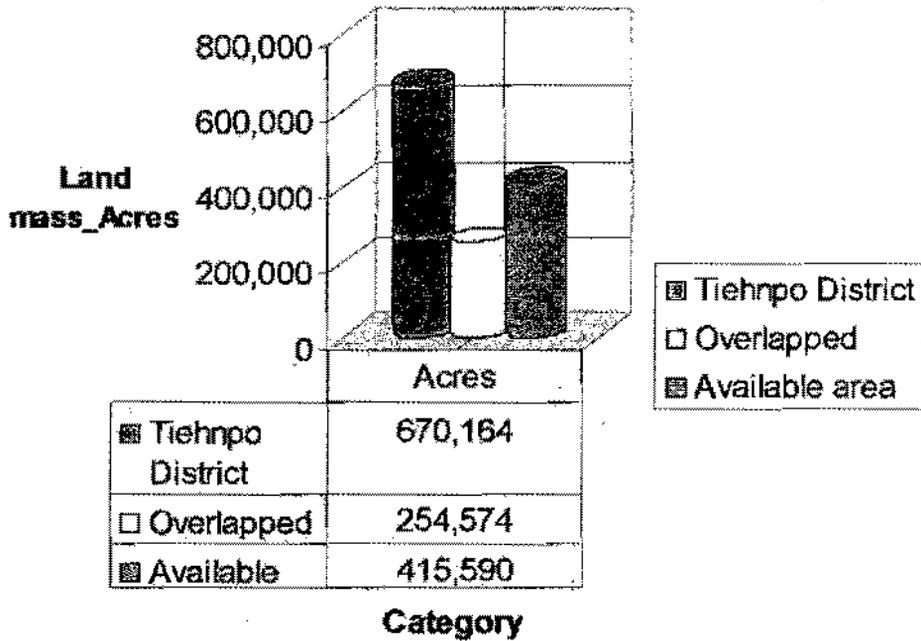
Following an intensive tour by our technicians I observed and authenticated that:

- The Technical description/Metes & Bounds of Thienpo deeded land property was plotted and verified on the grounds using high precision gadgets by Messrs. Quaye, Whyma and Mrs. Victoria Kallon;
- Thienpo's commencement/starting point in the deed commences at a point marked on the surface of planet earth Latitudes 0583548 and Longitudes 0583856, approximately 100 feet away from the Dugbe River;
- After plotting the bearings and distances on the deed with captured coordinates, it was observed that 37.98% or 254,574 acres of Thienpo's deeded land falls into Euro Liberia Logging Company Concession or Forest Management Contract Area "F" which has already being granted by the Government of Liberia;
- Indeed the Thienpo deed bearings and distances are well computed,
- The total available land mass for commercial logging within Thienpo's Chiefdom is 415,590 acres which is equivalent to 62.01% of the total land mass;
- Deed submitted to FDA had the total land mass of 679,373 acres; re-computed deed from the Forestry Development Authority is 670,164 acres.
- The Thienpo District deeded land is 6,642 meters away from the upper border of Atlantic Resource Logging Concession, almost parallel with the Grand Cess River.
- The area is the home of some protected wildlife animals species
- Topographically, the entire land mass of Thienpo Chiefdom deed submitted to FDA is relatively flat with few major water ways.
- The areas are truly located in Southeastern Liberia.



MJW

## Histogram Analysis of Thienpo's Chiefdom



### Recommendation

In view of the verification and confirmation of these documents by the Forestry Development Authority, coupled with our ground truthing, we herein recommend the followings:

- \* That the deed be validated by the Ministry of Lands, Mines & Surveys, with a new field geographic coordinates to enable FDA surveying crew conduct a cadastral survey, also, FDA should perform a Sensitivity Analysis on the Kiteabo Tribal property to avoid future encroachment. After re-authenticating the deed and found legitimate, with coordinates of perimeters provided to FDA GIS Laboratory, the FDA should perform the below activities:
- \* As per National Forestry Reform Law (NFRL) of 2006 provision in chapter five section 5.6, we therefore recommend that FDA Management issue a Private Use Permit for Thienpo Chiefdom Tribal Land totaling 415,590 acres or 168,187 hectares to the people of River Gee County in compliance

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten mark]*

with all relevant requirements of this section (particularly section 5.6 c (i,ii,iii) and d (i,ii,iii,iv,v,vi) respectively.

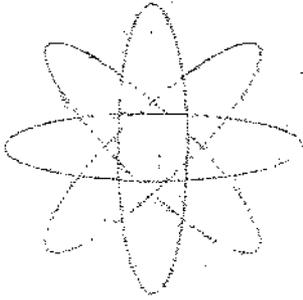
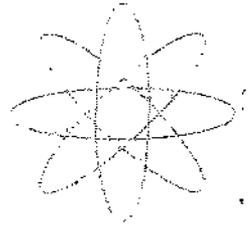
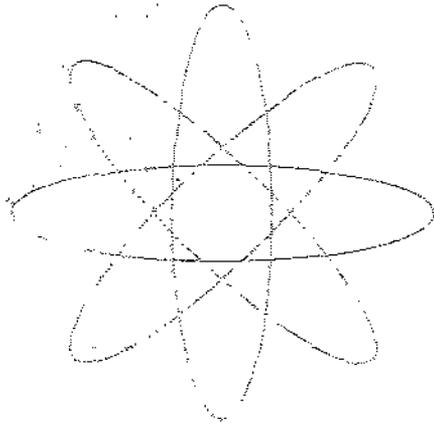
- \* That the overlapped area in FMC "F" be subtracted or erased from Thienpo's deeded land property to avoid conflict or overlap.

Cc/  
DMDA  
Law Office  
Commercial Department  
File

#

MBCW

12



***Private  
Use Permit***

