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Normon Clan
Jawaijeh Chiefdom; Kongba District; Gbarpolu County
Republic of Liberia

Friday, April 15, 2016

Hon. Harrison S. Kanwea
Managing Director
Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
Whein Town; Mount Barclay
Monrovia, Liberia

Att: TMC3 + Team
For your action and
records DST
19/04/16

Ref: Normon Clan Application for an authorized community forest within the Normon Clan Area

Dear Hon. Kanwea;

We extend our thanks and compliments to this entity (FDA) for the manner in which your institution continues to handle the affairs of our Liberian forests.

We the citizens of Normon Clan; Kongba District, Gbarpolu County has come together to kindly request for an authorized community forest status as regards for developing the community at large.

The forests within the Normon Clan area is commencing from the boundary with Tonglay Clan (Gbaimasongi /1410 Bridge after Kongbor; on the main road in route to Normon Town) and runs West to, but not including Gonsuah Town(Sierra Leone); behind Lain Town. It stretches Northward up to Gailahun and runs East towards Jawaijeh-Degbeh on the Mahembe River bordering with Niamah Town, Vahun District; Lofa County It also runs Eastward up to Boheava Swamp behind Bomborhun bordering with Zuei Clan, Kongba District; Gbarpolu County.

Honourable; the forest and the resources within it around us are so useful for us especially for traditional sites and medicines, drinking water through goodwatersheds, protein (meat and fishes),and farming and building as well as furniture, etc.

It has abundance of animal types such as forest elephants, duikers of all types, chimpanzees, various types of monkeys, diverse birds including the famous Gola Malimbe that is unique to the forest area we are as told us by our NGO partner (SCNL).

There are also different plants/tree plants for medicinal use and there are majority of timber and non-timber plants in Liberia that useful for several environmental needs as well as for furniture production amongst others.

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As a community, we intend to increase support for forest management and protection which will hopefully contribute to improvement in our surrounding as well as infrastructure development.

Honourable; we currently have in Normon Clan, support from the EU/GolaMA community forestry project that the Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL); a civil society organization is implementing. Through this project we are receiving training, awareness and education on the process involve in acquiring an authorized community forest in line with the community rights law-2009. They are also providing us with different kinds of livelihood assistances; which they have and continue to do since 2014.

Once our application is considered and that we can be able to acquire a community forest; we will manage the forest in a sustainable way, primarily to promote conservation with the aim of receiving sustainable development project through interested partners. But at the same time, in our planning, we expect to apportion areas for other uses such as traditional sites, farming including water supplyaside from a greater portion for conservation to be determined during the possible CFMP development where no activity that cause damage or reduces the forest will be permitted. We also hope that your organization will guide us in making our plan and approving it.

Honourable; the proposed community forest once approved, management of the forests will be in line with the with the CRL-2009 and the CRL Regulations of 2011 as well as all other laws of Liberia as may be required. Whether you are a male or female, regardless of you ethnic or religious and social background, everyone shall own, participate and benefit equally from resources generated from the forest program through access to development initiatives including other forms of empowerment and possible jobs opportunities.

In everything we do, as we manage the forest and resources, our actions will at all times be consistent with our beliefs, customs/traditions of our native land and respect for everyone.

Based on the approved management plan, we will put in place management structures at different levels to manage, resource allocation, monitoring and reporting on the state of the forest and resources. A system for punishments to be imposed on violators who break the rules set aside by the people for forest management will be established.

To ensure this; the clan is currently holding consultations at different levels within to come up with a resolution and punishments to be enforced very soon that will be acted upon anyone who will be caught in any form of unsustainable forest use ahead of the FDA's decision.

This is a way to enable us begin protecting our forest and forest resources, and secure meaningful benefits belonging to us that we have over decades and even now have limited or no access, while at the same time anticipate a positive response by the FDA.

As we work towards increasing the efforts of the government to protect the Liberian forests for tomorrow's generation; the involvement of the people of Normon Clan for ownership and management of a part of the Gola Forest is important and it will contribute greatly in some ways to restoring lost and degraded forests as well help in the promotion of climate change. We anticipate a favourable response to our application.

• Thank you very much in advance Hon. Kanwea; for accepting our application to work with the Government of Liberia (GOL) in effectively managing the larger Gola forest area.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

B. Kanwea

Boakai Kanweh-Chairman

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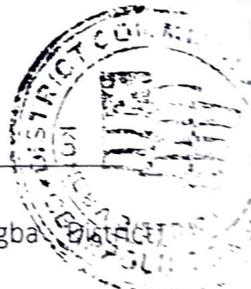
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Community Forest

The sum of Two Hundred Fifty United States
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Reason Payment for application/registration
for Community Forest

Paid By Cash Check

Date April 20, 2016

County Monts.
T. Williams

Amount \$: 250.00 USD

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COMPTROLLER/CHIEF ACCOUNTANT