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December 9, 2015

Hon. Kederick F. Johnson  
Acting Managing Director  
Forestry Development Authority  
Whein Town, Mount Barclay  
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Dear Hon. Johnson:

Your letter Ref: FDA/DMDA/011/59-15 dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, responding to ours dated November 4, 2015, in connection with the above-captioned matter is hereby acknowledged.


We note your intimation that your entity is neither clothed with the authority nor is it within its purview to waive the Area Fee on a pro rata basis to reckon the period of *force majeure* – the period during which ELL did not utilize the Area Fee paid for the 2014-2015 fiscal year on account of the Ebola epidemic—as requested and accordingly urge us to direct our request to and engage the Liberia Revenue Authority in respect of same.

Honourable Acting Managing Director, the reason for our channeling the request through the Forestry Development Authority is that the Forest Management Contract Area “F” in Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties (hereinafter the “Contract”) executed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, between the Government of Liberia and ELL; ratified by the Legislature on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2009; Approved by the President of Liberia on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 and published on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, specifically designates, in the first paragraph, FDA as the entity representing the Government of Liberia. Moreover, **Section B5.2** of the Contract reaffirms FDA as the Authority to (i) receive notices related to performance under the Contract and (ii) act on behalf of the Government under the Contract. The last paragraph of **Section B5.2** is clear on this point in that it provides verbatim thus: *“Representatives designated by FDA under this provision are the sole Authority personnel authorized to receive or provide notice, or to take related action under this Contract.”*

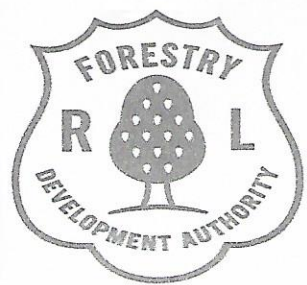
In view of the relevant provisions of the Contract cited above and in order give the desired relief as contemplated by the spirit and letter of said Contract, we respectfully request that you reconsider your decision, remain seized of the matter, and act on our request accordingly.

Kind regards.

Very truly yours,

  
Jihad Y. Akkari  
GENERAL MANAGER

CC: Minister of Finance and Development Planning  
“ Managing Director, Forestry Development Authority ✓



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November 26, 2015

Mr. Jihad Akkari  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Euro Liberia Logging Corporation  
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Mr. Akkari:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 4, 2015 requesting for a waiver of your 2014/2015 Area Fees due to the Ebola crisis.

Management wishes to inform you that it cannot waive the area fees for **2014/2015 fiscal year** as this is not in its purview. The Authority, by statue, does not have the power to institute any financial waiver; but advises that you reference the designated financial Authority or institution of the Government (LRA) for this request.

Please accept the sentiments of our high esteem as we strive to ensure a viable forest sector.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Kederick F. Johnson  
**Acting Managing Director**

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