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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A FOLLOW UP TEAM TO CONDUCT GROUND VERIFICATION/VALIDATION OF FURNITURE GROUP, INC. (FGI) AND NAGAN AGRO-FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NAFC) TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THEIR LOGGING AND SAWMILLING OPERATIONS PER AERIAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Based on reliable information, there are illegal logging activities ongoing within the area of Furniture Group Incorporated and Nagan Agro-Forestry Corporation situated in Luna and Calanasan, Apayao Province. Aerial photos and GPS instrument readings gathered very recently show the exact location of illegal logging operations beyond their approved logging area and territorial jurisdiction. In order to determine the degree of compliance of both companies to the terms and conditions of their Agreements and to the Memorandum of the Secretary dated September 17, 2004 to the RED-CAR, a team is hereby created to be composed of the following:

SFMS REYNALDO C. ASTUDILLO	-	Team Leader
SFMS MARTINIANO ROTOL	-	Member
SFMS VICTORIO PULA	-	Member

The team shall undertake the following activities:

1. Verify and validate on the ground the different GPS readings outside its approved area programmed for logging operations (APLO) including the aerial sightings beyond their area/territorial jurisdictions;
2. Conduct stump inventory of all areas found to be outside their approved APLO and beyond their area/territorial jurisdictions to determine the extent of volume and trees damage particularly those documented by the aerial photos;
3. Conduct comprehensive evaluation of the two (2) sighted wood processing plants operating at Bgys. Turod and Gregorio, Luna, Apayao and determine the legality of their operations;

4. Take pictures of the stumps, road switches/tractor skid ways in accordance with the Forest Stock/Log Control Monitoring System including plant machineries together with their accessories;
5. Submit their comprehensive report to the Secretary thru the Head, Executive Assistant, OSEC (OHEA) within five (5) days after the completion of their field work; and

The Team is hereby authorized to seek the assistance of any official/personnel in the Regional Offices, PENROs and CENROs services thereof necessary to carry out the activity. They shall be entitled to reasonable transportation expenses, allowance and per diems subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations chargeable against the funds intended for this purpose of their respective offices

This Order shall take effect immediately.



MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR
Secretary