TO:

THE NGUTI SUB - DIVISIONAL CHIEFS CONFERENCE, ALL CHIEFS NGUTI SUB - DIVISION.

## SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SOME CHIEFS AND ELITES OF NGUTI – SUB DIVISION RESIDENT IN FAKO DIVISION.

After a careful examination of the investment proposal by S.G. Sustainable Oils Cameroon (S.G.SOC), a subsidiary of HERAKLES Farms, we the undersigned Chiefs and elites have the following observations to make;

- We salute the idea of the investors as we are sure the project shall impact on the economy of Nguti Sub- Division and Cameroon at large.
- 2. We express our sincere appreciation on the progress so far attained in the negotiations between the investors and the beneficiary communities and most especially the setting up of the Think Tank committee which was charged with studying and making proposals with regards to the protection of the interest of the beneficiary communities.

Notwithstanding the creation of an enabling environment that engenders a cordial understanding between the investors (S.G. Sustainable Oils Cameroon) and the local communities (Custodians of the land) we wish to observe as follows:

A. That the resolution and conclusions of the Think Tank Committee has not been made available to the beneficiary communities

In the circumstance therefore, we express serious worries on reading the Executive Summary issued by the investors (S.G. Sustainable Oils Cameroon) with regards to the issues herein below mentioned, namely; We do not know the total area of land that shall be acquired from each village community. Therefore, we think common sense warrants that a proper delimitation should be done from village to village and the various communities involved in this exercise.

Further more upon studying the site plan (map), we notice that beacons have been planted and the total area of 42.486Ha of land to be used includes farms of individuals. We think that the farms of individuals should not be tampered with.

- We also want to note that Government's policy when it comes to the allocation of Community Forest creates a buffer zone which is far off from the villages. This buffer serves the community for food, research, tourism, further farm land, etc. Our worry here is that we are left with the impression that the plantations shall be very close to the villages and that is why compensation is contemplated for the destruction of crops. We are even made to understand that there are beacons in some people's farm. This situation we think is unacceptable.
- From reading the site plan (map) and demarcation in the field, we equally note that there are some village communities whose forest fall within the delimited area but unfortunately have been excluded from the project—TALKS; i.e New Konye, Mungo Ndor, Bombe Konye, Ntale, Bambe, just to mention a few.
- We equally observe with dismay and consternation that a paltry 150.000FCFA is proposed as royalties per annum per village community. An amount which we consider as an insult. We therefore think that a fair position shall be payment per palm tree which we consider 100FCFA per plant per month as modest.

In view of the above observations, we hope that the convention and cahier des charges that the investors have signed with the State of Cameroon has adequately answered these worries otherwise, they should be seriously considered and due consideration given as they form the basis of our position when the agreements between the investors and the communities shall be signed.

Done at Limbe, this 12th - 06-2010

SIGN: (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

Cc: The DO Nguti Sub-Divion
The Country Manager SG SOC
Hon. Justice Mbanda
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