The Regional Delegate

Le Délégué Regional

To:
His Excellency,
The Minister of Forestry and Wildlife
Yaounde

Subject: Unauthorised Felling of trees by SG Sustainable Oils Cameroon Ltd (SG-SOC)

Your Excellency,

By Service Note № 119/NS/MINFOF/DRFOF/BRC/C1/SW/306 of the 17th of April 2012, a facts finding mission was dispatched to Talangaye village in Kupe Muanenguba Division to have a first-hand appraisal of the activities carried out by SG-SOC with respect to the implantation of a 2500ha oil palm plantation in this locality. It was observed that SG-SOC has recently opened up a tree (03) km road into the forest, felled some fourteen (14) economic trees (Azobe, Padouk, Okan, Frake, Framiré, Aiélé, Angongui and Ilomba) used some of the logs for the construction of a bridge and has under brushed 20ha of forest without authorization.

The materials used for opening the road as well as the felled trees were seized and seizure notifications issued to the representative of SG-SOC. Copies of the seizure notifications were deposited at the offices of the Sub Divisional and the Gendarmerie Brigade for follow-up. An administrative convocation was then issued to the Director of SG-SOC for Wednesday the 25/04/2012.

While a detailed report for the mission is under preparation, and given the importance the international community attaches to the putting in place of this oil palm plantation project by SG-SOC, I highly recommend that a joint team of the National Control Brigade and the Independent Observers be urgently sent to the field for an in-depth appraisal of the situation.

I am obliged by your further instructions.