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A MOTION AGAINST SITHE GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE OILS CAMEROON LIMITED

A meeting of the Ngolo Chiefs Conference (NCC) was held on 15th December, 2010 at Ndiba Village in Ndian Division, South-West Region, Republic of Cameroon.

The objective of the meeting was to examine the issue on the land appropriation in Ngolo by a certain Agro-Industrial complex called SITHE GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE OILS CAMEROON (SGSOC) Limited, which has been conducting and carrying out a Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA), mapping and illegally planting cement pillars in most of the villages of Mundemba and Toko Sub-Divisions in Ndian Division under which Sub-Divisions the villages of Ngolo are found. The said activities have been going on for quite some time now without the consent and approval of a majority of the Chiefs as custodians of the land, let alone the general population of our people whose future generation is feared would be mortgaged should the said agroindustrial complex get the alarming number of hectares of land that the said company is seeking to get.

Posterity will hold us responsible if we accept to give out the 38.800 hectares of plantation land to SITHE GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE OILS CAMEROON Limited. If we do, it will lead to a vast devastating effect on our land because the environmental implications are quite outstanding and a few are as follows:

i) There will be population explosion which in reality would be difficult to control and manage. Consequently indigenous environment will be highly threatened.

- ii) The bulk of those to be recruited to work in this plantation will constitute those with low salary earnings. This group will certainly force a global increase in population and their future quest and scramble for farming land will be controversial.
- iii) This demographic influx of plantation population will have numerous implications on the already protected areas particularly on our "Traditional Lands".

Already, Rumpi Forest Reserve has 45.675 hectares, Korup National Park, (126.000 hectares), Pamol Plantation Limited (11.000 hectares), Ndongore Park (230.000 hectares), and Mundemba Council Forest (11.210 hectares); occupying a total of 448.885 hectares of the existing land, and the only small land left is what SGSOC is seeking to have. It will be better to avoid the sad experiences and memories of what we know of plantation companies. In other areas, which in their initial stage paraded as a blessing of the people but in the course of their establishment and operation their activities are usually turned into a "White Elephant".

Therefore if SGSOC is given 38.800 hectares, we shall be losing a total of 487.685 hectares of land. What quantity of land will then be left for our posterity?

After examining the issue critically, the Chiefs of Ngolo hereby vehemently oppose and disapprove the activities of SGSOC.

Furthermore, we wish to state here that while a memorandum of understanding between the local population and any company intending to make business in our land is in the pipeline, whoever is involved in any transaction with SGSOC in our land is doing so at his or her own risk..

This declaration which takes effect from the date of adoption shall be known and referred to as "THE NDIBA 2010 DECLARATION".

DONE AT NDIBA NGOLO ON THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2010

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