Annex 1. DLH action plans

- I. Compensation of communities affected by illegal trade of timber from Grand Bassa and Gbarpolu counties in Liberia
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I. Compensation of communities affected by illegal trade of timber from Grand Bassa and Gbarpolu counties in Liberia

The table below summarizes the activities planned and already implemented to ensure that the communities affected by the illegal trade of timber by DLH receive compensation in compliance with the FSC conditions for ending the disassociation. Annex 2 (Background – Details of the action plan) describes in detail the ongoing and completed actions conducted to compensate the communities.

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| A free, prior and informed consent of the affected communities in Liberia is | DLH has contracted NEPCon to facilitate the compensation process – the process and work done to develop an action plan is described Annex 2 | Background for DLH reassociation, and Compensation mechanism | Done | April 2015 until compensation is completed |
| ensured through an elaborated needs assessment | Identification of the affected communities – the communities where identified through communication with Global Witness (verified by SDI) | Background for DLH reassociation | Done | April–May 2015 |
| | NEPCon has involved SDI and explained to them the intent of DLH's compensation of the communities and the compensation mechanism | Terms of reference (ToR) for initial assessment | Done | Meeting conducted 4 May 2015 in Oslo |
| | FSC, DLH, and NEPCon to conduct a meeting to agree upon the compensation and the role of the different stakeholders | Minutes from meeting in Bonn | Done | Meeting conducted 25 June 2015 in Bonn |
| | SDI implements basic awareness raising for the affected communities about the DLH case and about the potential compensation | Annex 3 Basic needs assessment | Done | July–October 2015 |
| | SDI to conduct needs assessment in Liberia and reports the results | Annex 3 Basic needs assessment | Done | July–October 2015 |

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| Compensation is monitored by a renowned NGO | NEPCon will take responsibility to monitor the progress made by the implementing organization. The implementing organization takes responsibility to realize the activities prioritized by the 3 communities | Agreements between Implementing organization and DLH | In progress | October– November 2015 |
| To compensate the communities in Liberia affected | Establish financial support. DLH will transfer in total EUR100,000 to NEPCon, which will then fund the approved project activities | Documentation of bank transfer | Planned | November 2015, after FSC approval of action plan |
| by Private Use Permits DLH was sourcing from | Advisory committee established, consisting of representatives from DLH, SDI, and NEPCon. The committee verifies the contracts (before signature by DLH) with implementing organizations responsible for the requested constructions | N/A | Done | October 2015 |
| | Activity 1: Construction of a total of 9 hand pumps in the 3 communities to ensure clean drinking water. Budget approx. EUR25,000 | Monitoring report including community evaluation | Planned | November 2015 to March 2016* |
| | Activity 2: Construction of a total of 6 latrines in the 3 communities to ensure an environment with less risk of contamination by disease Budget approx. EUR10,000 | Monitoring report including community evaluation | Planned | November 2015 to April 2016* |
| | Activity 3: Construction of 3 basic houses to be used by midwifes and doctors Budget approx. EUR35,000 | Monitoring report including community evaluation | Planned | January– November 2016* |
| | Activity 4: Construction of 1 school building with support to teachers Budget approx. EUR30,000 | Monitoring report including community evaluation | Planned | January– November 2016* |

^{*} The expected duration of implementing and completing the activities reflects the fact that merely building the facilities will not be sufficient. Informing and training the local communities in how to use the facilities will be an important part of the activities, to ensure proper implementation and to maximize the benefit for the local communities.

II. Improving the DLH due diligence system

During 2015, DLH has focused on improving its due diligence system (DDS), procedures and policies for our two remaining business units DLH Nordic (Denmark and Sweden) and DLH France.

DLH's revenue has been reduced significantly due to the divestment of various business units during 2014 and 2015. The combined sales are now down to approx. EUR65 million. The Nordic hard wood business is among the business units sold. The divestments have significantly reduced the overall risk of illegal timber trade. With the divestment of the Nordic hardwood business, DLH Nordic no longer trades tropical timber from South America and only a small volume of legally verified or certified material from Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

Our approach consists of two steps. Going through major changes as a result of the divestments, we conducted internal analysis at the start of 2015 to assess our current state as step 1. In step 2, we have complimented our internal reviews with audits conducted by NEPCon. The audits have been used to find gaps and detect areas for improvements. In DLH Nordic, we have even changed our DDS from our old the Good Supplier Programme (GSP) system to a NEPCon-supported platform.

We have now reached an advanced stage in the implementation of the recommendations made by NEPCon, as shown in our action plan below.

(a) DLH France

| Reparatory | Action to be implemented by DLH | Supporting | Status | Duration |
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| measure | | documentation | | |
| third- | Audit by the French Timber | Certificate | Done. | June 2014 |
| party | Federation's (LSB) environmental | extended and valid | Conclusion: Full | |
| verification | system – the audit was important to | from 23 September | compliance | |
| confirms | ensure European Union Timber | 2014 to 23 | with EUTR | |
| that DLH | Regulation (EUTR) compliance | September 2016 | | |
| due | Pre-audit for Programme for | SGS audit report | Done. | 24–25 |
| diligence | Endorsement of Forest Certification | (SGS Audit DLH f. | Conclusion: Full | February |
| systems | (PEFC) certificate renewal by SGS | 24 Feb. 2015) | compliance | 2015 |
| are | | | with EUTR | |
| meeting | Audit for PEFC certificate renewal by | SGS audit report | Done. | 27 March |
| relevant | SGS | (SGS Audit DLH f. | Conclusion: Full | 2015 |
| best | | 27 Mar. 2015) | compliance | |
| practice | | | with EUTR and | |
| standards, | | | renewal of PEFC | |
| both on | | | chain of custody | |
| paper and | | | (CoC) certificate | |
| in practice, | Internal assessment of DLH Nordic | N/A | Done. | May- |
| across a | GSP system and procedures to | | | August |
| range of | identify areas for improvement | | | 2015 |

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| different operating high-risk locations | Audit of DLH France DDS by NEPCon – organized as a basis for improving DLH France DDS | Draft report (Annex 7 DLH France LS preassess 15 DRAFT EN- comments client – LCV) | In process. Draft report submitted by NEPCon. Questions and comments submitted. | 1 September 2015 |
| | Implementation of NEPCon recommendation and updating procedures This work is done by an internal task force including French management working on the recommendations, procedures, and policies | Internal action plan | Done. | September and October 2015 |
| | All recommendations from NEPCon audit implemented. Internal deadline agreed in order to be ready for audit related to reassociation | Internal action plan | In process. Clear recommend- ations under implementation | 9 November 2015 |
| | FSC reassociation process with NEPCon | N/A | Not started. | November 2015 |

(b) DLH Nordic

| Reparatory | Action to be implemented by DLH | Supporting | Status | Duration |
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| measure | | documentation | | |
| third- party verification confirms that DLH due diligence | DLH Nordic hard wood business sold to Global Timber – the divestment of the hard wood business reduces the risk profile for DLH Nordic significantly as the majority of tropical timber trade was related to this department | Press release http://www.ihb.de /wood/news/DLH hardwood busines s_39216.html | Done | 10 November 2014 |
| systems are meeting relevant best practice standards, both on paper and | PEFC and FSC certificate audit with NEPCon. Audit detected 1 nonconformance. The issue has been corrected | Audit report from NEPCon (DLH Danmark PEFC CoC audit 14 + Annex 9 DLH Danmark FSC CoC audit 15 + Annex 10 DLH Danmark FSC CoC CVA Apr15) | Done. Conclusion: Approved PEFC and FSC audits | 4 December 2014 |

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| in practice, across a range of different | Internal assessment of DLH Nordic GSP system. Internal assessment of system and procedures to identify areas for improvement | Assessment reports | Done. | January– March 2015 |
| operating high-risk locations | NEPCon DDS audit – audit organized as a basis for improving DLH Nordic DDS. The NCR report finalized on December 4th | Audit report from NEPCon (Annex 8 DLH Denmark LS Pre-Assess Report JUN15) | Done. | 21 April 2015 |
| | Migration from old GSP system to updated DDS based on NEPCon's Legal source documents. Decision is made that DLH Nordic will implement new system in order to strengthen the internal setup to ensure DD | | In process. System installed and implemented. Pending NEPCon audit report week 44 | 22 April to 1 October 2015 |
| | Implementation of NEPCon recommendation and updating procedures. An internal task force including Nordic management working on the recommendations, procedures, and policies | Annexes 4 and 5 DLH due diligence system vers1 151015 Indkøbs politik | In process – report pending | 22 April to 1 October 2015 |
| | Desk audit of legal compliance of supplier in Côte d'Ivoire initiated with NEPCon – audit was established with third-party verification as the supplier from Côte d'Ivoire posed the highest risk in DLH DDS | Report pending | In process Conclusion: Awaiting report | Started 3 June 2015. Report expected early November |
| | Voluntary participation in EUTR DNA trail testing with Danish Ministry of Environment, Nature Agency. DNA can verify the information regarding the species. We want to support the development of the technology for verification purposes | Report pending | Testing done. Result pending | 10 Septe mber 2015 |
| | All recommendations from NEPCon audit implemented. All information and documentation in the new system. Internal deadline in order to be ready for NEPCon audit 15 October 2015 | Internal project plan | Done. | 2 October 2015 |
| | NEPCon audit of DLH Nordic DDS | NEPCon report to be received week 44, 2015 | In process. Waiting for NEPCon report | 15–30 October 2015 |

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| | Site visit to supplier in Côte d'Ivoire by NEPCon to collect pending information. During desk audit the supplier changed responsible person for their procurement. DLH decided to organize site visit to Côte d'Ivoire to verify the information provided by the supplier | Report pending | In process | 18–23 October 2015 |
| | Internal training in procedures for handling certified material. Training in our procedures for handling certified material | Instructor: Martin Bohmann Participants: Helle Suhr, Monia Jensen, Niels Rossen | Pending | 21 October 2015 |
| | FSC ends the disassociation | Documentation and evidence as requested by FSC | Not started | November 2015 |