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River Dugbe Statutory District Sinoe County Republic of Liberia

July 14, 2014

Hon. Harrison S. Karnwea Managing Director Forestry Development Authority (FDA) Whein Town, Mount Barclay Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Hon, Karnwea:

We the citizens of Central River Dugbe Statutory District present our compliments and write to resubmit our application for Authorized Forest Community Status in compliance with the Community Rights Law with Respect to Forest Land of 2009 and its regulation of 2011. As the rightful owner of this forest from generation we will like to manage this forest in association with the FDA for the development of our community.

The Central River Dugbe Community forest has approximately 42,102 hectares of forest Land and has the following means and bonds, on the East by Gbakra Creek on the left bank, with Jaedae Statutory District and on the right bank with Blonyienijah Hill with Juoh Statutory District, on the West by Planson River, on the North by Nekree Village, Jedepo, and Sackor village Jaedae Statutory District and on the South by Koonwiaoh. The forest area is composed of many features such as: hills, rivers, valleys, wetland, primary and secondary vegetation, etc.

According to the ways and manner in which we the community inhabitant are using the forest and the resources that are found

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within it, we wish to manage, sustain and control it legally, so that we can most importantly maintain the ecosystem in keeping with the Community Rights Law of 2009 and its regulation. The community inhabitants also depend on the forest for their livelihood and some of the livelihood activities are: farming, fishing, hunting, NTFP collections, construction material collections, etc.

Central River Dugbe community is ready to expand the forest resources in two ways: a piece of our community forest will engage in commercial activities that will generate revenue for community development. The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) code of harvesting practice will be strictly ahead to in any commercial activities, and; another portion of our forest will be preserve for conservation purpose, no commercial activities will be allow in this area, thereby promoting biodiversity and sustaining forest resources to have a poise ecosystem.

In the direction of building respect and contributing value to our culture and traditional norms/beliefs (protecting females/males traditional bushes) forbidden animals, sacred sites, medicinal plants and plant sites, taboo days which are of great value to our ways of life. The community will work together to manage and protect the forest.

To prevent the unplanned and wasteful use of our forest and its resources, we will prepare a inclusive Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP), with the help of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to sustainably manage our forest. We will also utilize traditional means to prevent the rapid devastation of our forest.

By taking good care of our forest in a sustainable way, the forest will help to expand the community economically and socially; strengthen sacred and cultural relationship and cooperation between the state and its people, by generating revenue for

national and community development. The community will work mutually with all stakeholders in a sustainable, translucent, and responsible ways in compliances with the Community Rights Law with respect to Forest Land and its regulation.

With sentiments of our highest esteem, we remain.

Best regard.

Sincerely yours,

Bartee Togba

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Committee Chairman

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April 8, 2015

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The Management of the FDA will inform you of further development as it unfolds.

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

Managing Director

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Screening Date: 24-July-2014 / Nov 11, 2014

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7 Conservation of the environment and biological diversity	10	8.8		
Creation of cooperation and partnership between the state and the community	10	9.6		
9 Payment of non-refundable fee of US\$250	10	8		
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