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# Project of Independent Observation in Support of Forest Law Enforcement in Cameroon

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## **Report of the Independent Observer**

**No. 111En**

*Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission*

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<b>Titles</b>	SSV 09 01 60 FMU 09 003 FMU 09 005b FMU 09 004b
<b>Location</b>	Dja & Lobo Division, South Province
<b>Mission dates</b>	28 – 31 July 2004
<b>Companies</b>	SIBM (holder) LOREMA (holder) / SFID (partner) SOCIB (holder) / SFID (partner) COFA (holder) / Patrice Bois (partner)

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Central Control Unit (CCU), accompanied by the Independent Observer (Global Witness), conducted a mission to a Sale of Standing Volume (SSV) and to the Forest Management Units (FMU) located in Dja and Lobo Division from 28 to 31 July 2004. The mission took place within the framework of the routine control programme that commenced on 27 July 2004.

The mission visited the following logging sites:

- SSV 09 01 60 allocated to the *Société Industrielle de Bois MJP et Frères SARL* (SIBM)
- FMU 09 003 allocated to the *Location Réparation de Matériels du Génie Civil* (LOREMA)
- FMU 09 005b allocated to the *Société Commerciale et Industrielle du Bois* (SOCIB)
- FMU 09 004b allocated to the *Compagnie Forestière ASSAM* (COFA)

In each of these logging sites, the mission checked the boundaries and inspected the logging documents for the current Annual Standing Volume.

The LOREMA, SOCIB and COFA Companies had signed subcontracting agreements with SFID for the first two and with Patrice Bois for the third; SIBM is operating its own Sale of Standing Volume.

A complete tour of the access roads and hauling tracks of the annual standing volumes of these FMUs and of the Sale of Standing Volume revealed no unlawful activity.

The **Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year on to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by SIBM, LOREMA, SOCIB, COFA and recorded in the SIGIF.

## **2. RESOURCES USED**

- 1 Toyota Pick up
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 Camera
- 2 GPS
- 1 Laptop

## **3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION**

The mission was made up of Mrs. Danièle Essono, CCU inspector, Head of Mission; Mr. Pierre Marcel Maméné and Mrs. Margaret Ndjana, CCU inspectors; Mr. James Afene Obam, senior executive from the Permanent Secretariat of the Environment (SPE) and two members of the Independent Observer's technical team. Mr. Jean-Pierre Mpem, Head of the Provincial Brigade for Monitoring of the South; the Head of the Forestry Section of the Dja and Lobo Divisional Delegation of the Environment and Forests (DDEF) and the Head of the Djoum Local Forestry Post also joined the mission.

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

No difficulties were encountered in carrying out this mission.

## **5. MISSION'S FINDINGS**

On the ground, the mission toured the access roads and hauling tracks around the Sale of Standing Volume and the boundaries of the current Annual Standing Volumes. The mission also checked the marking of stumps and the keeping of work site documents. No offences were noted during the mission.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In view of the above, the **Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by SIBM, LOREMA, SOCIB and COFA and recorded in the SIGIF