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of Forest Law Enforcement in Cameroon

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**Report of the Independent Observer**

**No. 114En**

*Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission*

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**Title** FMU 09 019

**Location** Ebolowa District, Mvila Division,  
South Province

**Mission date** 04 August 2004

**Company** CUF

**Independent Observer Team (Global Witness):**

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*Mr Célestine Tangyie Ché, Driver*

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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Within the framework of the routine control programme commenced on 27 July 2004, the Central Control Unit (CCU), together with the Independent Observer (Global Witness), undertook a control mission in Forest Management Unit (FMU) 09 019 on 4 August 2004. Located in the Dja and Lobo Division, this FMU was granted to the Cameroon United Forests (CUF) company. For 2004, it obtained Annual Standing Volume No.05 and this is now being logged.

After a complete tour of the access roads and hauling tracks of the Annual Standing Volume, and following an inspection of the logging documents for the FMU, no offence was noted.

**The Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by the CUF company and recorded in the SIGIF.

## **2. RESOURCES USED**

- 1 Toyota Hilux
- 1 GSP (Garmin)
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 laptop computer (Sony)
- All legal documents authorising logging operations

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

The mission was made up of Mrs Danièle Essono and Mr Marcel Maméné of the CCU, and Mr Reiner Tegtmeyer of the Independent Observer team. It was accompanied in the field by Mr Jean-Pierre Mpem, Head of the Provincial Brigade for Monitoring of the South and Messrs David Nwaha, Foreman, and Emmanuel Blaise Mpouma, Administrative Director of CUF.

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

No difficulties were encountered in carrying out this mission.

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

On the ground, the mission travelled all the access roads and hauling tracks around the boundaries of the current Annual Standing Volume. The mission also checked the marking of tree stumps and the logging site's records. It found no irregularities.

During the mission's visit, CUF was in the process of closing its logging sites in this Annual Standing Volume.

## **6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by the CUF company and recorded in the SIGIF.