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16th December 2011

Dear Sirs,

Re: Query whether the BioPalm Oil Palm Development Project in Cameroon has been developed with the participation and Free, Prior and Informed Consent of the Bagyeli people and other local communities in southern Cameroon

We are writing to request a substantive reply to our letter of 16th September 2011, in which we requested specific information about how your company plans to ensure that its project to develop as much as 200,000 hectares of oil palm plantations in Ocean Department has complied with the need to respect the customary rights of the local communities and indigenous peoples and in particular their right to give or withhold their Free, Prior and Informed Consent to developments planned on their lands. In our letter we drew attention in particular to the need to engage with and gain the consent of the Bagyeli people who are the traditional occupants of this area.

Since then we have had a lengthy email exchange with Mr Gagan Pattanayak of the SIVA group and had one conversation by Skype. Through these communications we have been informed that your companies do respect the RSPO standard and plan to join the RSPO. This is most welcome. However, despite repeated requests, we have still not had a substantive reply to the questions raised in our letter. Instead we have been repeatedly asked to substantiate that the Bagyeli people do indeed reside in the area of your concession.

By means of this letter we are formally informing you that the Bagyeli people do reside in the area of your concession and we are thus formally requesting once more answers to the questions raised in our letter sent to you three months ago.

This is an open letter which will be published on our website.

Dr. Marcus Colchester
Director

CC. Executive Director and Technical Director of RSPO

Copy of text of original letter sent 16th September 2011

Mr. Shankar Varadharajan
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September 16 2011

Dear Mr. Shankar Varadharajan,

The Forest Peoples Programme is an international human rights programme, with consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) that defends the rights of peoples who live in forests. We have recently learnt that you have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the government of Cameroon to start a palm oil plantation in the Ocean province.

Forest Peoples Programme has been working in Cameroon in support of the Bagyeli for nearly 15 years. We are concerned to see that the concession which you have been granted overlaps the customary lands of the Bagyeli people and we would like to know what steps you have taken, or are planning to take, to respect their rights prior to your investment.

In particular we would like to know:

- What steps have you taken to identify and secure the customary lands of the Bagyeli people?
- What process will you, or the government of Cameroon, follow to secure the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of the Bagyeli, as required by the international human rights law and set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in developing the proposed operations on Bagyeli lands?
- What meetings have you so far undertaken to discuss these matters with the local communities and indigenous people and how did you select the participants for such meetings?
- What is the content of the MoU signed with the government, in particular in regards to the participation and benefits for the local communities and indigenous people that will be affected by the plantation?
- What participation was there from the local communities in developing this MoU?
- Where are you expecting to take the additional 180,000ha of land for the expansion of the plantation?

We look forwards to learning your answers to these questions as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Marcus Colchester
Director

Annex 1: Email log

From: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai <gagan.pattanayak@sih.co.in>
To: Marcus Colchester <marcus@forestpeoples.org>
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Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme
Thread-Topic: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme
Thread-Index: AQHMnrCe/JfS1RFSA0+trdb+dghkM5WkWd2Q
Date: Wed, 9 Nov 2011 10:48:26 +0000
Accept-Language: en-US
X-MS-Has-Attach:
X-MS-TNEF-Correlator:
x-originating-ip: [10.100.1.176]
X-Antivirus: AVG for E-mail 9.0.920 [271.1.1/4005]

Mr. Marcus,

We thank you for the mail. Please be advised that as mentioned we have applied for RSPO membership and we shall follow RSPO guidelines. The Govt is allocating the land for us and before we respond to you we need to discuss with our partners the Government of Cameroon and our advisors.

We have noticed that you have published a report on 7th Oct based on what we consider incomplete information. Nonetheless we shall revert with a response based on our discussion with the government and when we are clear that there may be some impact on indigenous communities.

Thanks and Regards
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From: Marcus Colchester [mailto:marcus@forestpeoples.org]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 12:54 PM

To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai

Cc: Suresh Mangu/SIHL/Chennai; SV; Srividhya Subramanian/SIHL/Chennai; 'emmanuel@forestpeoples.org'; 'john@forestpeoples.org'; 'justinkenrick@yahoo.co.uk'; 'tlomax@forestpeoples.org'; 'stephanie@forestpeoples.org'; V Srinivasan/SIHL/Chennai; messe@forestpeoples.org

Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Mr Gagan,

Further to our recent reply (which you did not copy in your latest email to us so we re-insert in blue below), this is to confirm that there are indeed Bagyeli people in the area in which it has been reported that you are planning your operations. This includes the area of your initial operation which is said to cover 3,348 hectares in Bella in Lokoundje Subdivision, around Kribi. There are many more Bagyeli groups in the region who are very likely to be affected by the wider area of 200,000 ha. which we understand you are seeking to develop as referenced in

<http://news.cameroon-today.com/siva-group-biopalm-energy-limited-fcfa-900-billion-oil-palm-project-launched-in-kribi-cameroon/7561/#ixzz1dBpqRKdi>
<http://www.cameroon-today.com>

We would be grateful if you could now reply to our letter and also provide precise information about where you plan your initial and wider operations.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Colchester
Director, Forest Peoples Programme

X-Original-To: marcus@forestpeoples.org

Delivered-To: mcolches@gn.apc.org

From: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai <gagan.pattanayak@sih.co.in>

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Dear sir,

We shall reply when we are confirmed that the area you are mentioning is same as the one supposed to be allocated to biopalm

We are requesting information from the govt and then shall respond

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From: Marcus Colchester [<mailto:marcus@forestpeoples.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 09:48 PM
To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai
Cc: Suresh Mangu/SIHL/Chennai; SV; Srividhya Subramanian/SIHL/Chennai; emmanuel@forestpeoples.org <emmanuel@forestpeoples.org>; john@forestpeoples.org <john@forestpeoples.org>; justinkenrick@yahoo.co.uk <justinkenrick@yahoo.co.uk>; tlomax@forestpeoples.org <tlomax@forestpeoples.org>; stephanie@forestpeoples.org <stephanie@forestpeoples.org>
Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Mr Gagan,

Thank you for your note. It is our understanding that this area is indeed part of the traditional zone of the Bagyeli.

I am still awaiting a reply to our letter.

Regards

Marcus Colchester

At 11:42 08/11/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:

Mr. Marcus,

We wait for a confirmation from you that the land you are mentioning is indeed allocated to Biopalm as we are waiting for allocation of land by the Govt, though few areas are proposed we still do not have absolute clarity regarding where the land is going to be.

Would you have any way of confirming that we both are talking about the same parcel of land.

We wait for your confirmation and reiterate that we have applied for RSPO membership and all development shall be as per RSPO standards.

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At 12:54 03/11/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:

Mr. Marcus,

May I request you to confirm that the area allocated to us is indeed the area we are talking about.

Thanks and Regards

Gagan Pattanayak

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From: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 6:45 PM
To: 'Marcus Colchester'
Cc: Suresh Mangu/SIHL/Chennai; SV; Srividhya Subramanian/SIHL/Chennai
Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Mr. Marcus,

We need to confirm if these traditional forest dwellers do fall in the area allocated to us. Let me mention that the land which we were informed is allocated to us fall in Sud region around Bella Village. Can your team confirm that both of us actually talking about the same area.

Thanks and Regards
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To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai
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Dear Mr Gagan,

Thank you for talking. I do appreciate you being so forthcoming.

I have some minor corrections to your notes which I note below.

The main point I wish to reiterate is that the RSPO standard and the requirement for Free, Prior and Informed Consent asks operators to go beyond mere legal compliance, so if you are seeking permits over people's lands they should be informed and consent to this PRIOR to land acquisition. This is why we are asking you to write a letter now so the people can then

be in touch with you directly about their wishes and seek further information. This is why we think it is not premature at all but on the contrary overdue.

Regards

Marcus Colchester

At 13:28 19/10/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHI/Chennai wrote:

Mr. Marcus,

Thank you for your time. I understand that

- a) The area allocated to Biopalm is the catchment area for the Bagyeli people who are hunters and gatherers and hence has a more extensive territory for their sustenance
- b) While the Bantu ~~They~~ live mostly near roads and have a more agricultural system of land use, the Bagyeli area is more extensive. The people ~~and~~ are concerned as their traditional area is now being marked for Biopalm (your organization have pictures of markers being placed to demarcate the area)
- c) We would like to mention here that the land allocation process for Biopalm is driven by the Govt departments there
- d) The Federal and Local Govt teams has visited the areas and the villages and has obtained their consent for the development project
- e) We ourselves have visited the areas and interacted with the people where the project has been blessed by the villages and inhabitants and we had a ceremony for the spirits
- f) Biopalm as an organization is committed to RSPO and has also applied for RSPO membership. We are committed to sustainable development
- g) The project development shall follow a detailed ESHIA and RAP as per World Bank guidelines
- h) Also we shall proceed based on the Free Informed Prior consent basis
- i) As discussed as of now the Govt is working to allocate the land and we still do not have a clear picture on the land
- j) We are in the process of assembling our team there and as of now are being guided by local consultants
- k) As discussed once we have a local set up in Cameroon we will be happy to connect with your organization and explore the area that you are mentioning is indeed the area that is being allocated to us
- l) Alternatively we will also try and connect with your organization in our next visit
- m) Please rest assured that our intention is to comply with all the RSPO principles and develop with the community
- n) As you are keen for us to respond to your letter, we will have a reply outlining our strategy and our intention to comply with the applicable sustainable principles. **However our view is that it is premature to reply**

May I request you to share with us the photos that you have mentioned where the area supposed to be earmarked for Biopalm is being identified.

Thanks and Regards

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Mr. Marcus,

We will be calling you in 30 minutes.

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Dear Gagan,

I will be pleased to talk at 1pm today (19th Oct 2011) by skype.

I appreciate your willingness to engage on these matters

Yours sincerely

Marcus Colchester

At 16:35 18/10/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:
Mr. Marcus

I understand you have spend considerable time in these regions, we are new and have many things to learn.

That is why I propose to discuss with you. You seem to know the areas allocated by the Govt. We are yet to have a very clear idea

However on behalf of our group I can assure you that we shall go by what is called free prior informed consent

May we have a call tomorrow uk time 1 pm

Thanks and Regards

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Subramanian/SIHL/Chennai

Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Mr Gagan,

I think our letter is clear enough.

The Bagyeli and other peoples in the area of the proposed development have lived in the area for 100s or even 1000s of years. They have long established ways of life, customs and rights which link them to their lands and forests. These need to be respected. Compliance with national laws, government processes and contracts does not exhaust the responsibilities of companies. In opening up their forests and taking over their lands, an oil palm developer is causing a massive intervention in people's lives. We are asking you to confirm that you will respect the peoples' rights to their lands and forests, will recognise them as rightsholders, which they are under international laws ratified by Cameroon (even if the local administration overlooks these rights), and not make investments or develop their lands and forests without detailed consultations, and their free, prior and informed consent - which includes their right to say 'no'. To date it seems you have yet to even contact the local communities let alone set in train negotiations to see whether or not they want oil palm on their forests.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Colchester

At 12:54 18/10/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHI/Chennai wrote:
Mr. Marcus,

I am adding you on my skype.

Regarding the response to your letter, we need to understand what is your concern to see if we can address them. I should mention here that the exact details/location of the land is being worked out and the Govt. of Cameroon is helping us with this. I am sure when the Govt. allocates land, they shall be more than concerned about the well being of it's citizens citizen. None the less we aim to understand your concerns.

Please understand that we are committed to sustainable farming and shall act as required.

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To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHI/Chennai

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Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Gagan

I have sent a request so somehow it must have got lost. Please send one to me at : marcuscolchesterfpp

We look forwards to receiving a reply to our letter. For your information the local communities in the region tell us that they have not had any further contacts with your company since the concerns were raised about their lack of participation.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Colchester

At 11:32 18/10/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHI/Chennai wrote:

Dear Sir,

I have not seen a request from you to add me on skype. May I request you to please resend.

Also would you please suggest a time when I can call you, I am based out of Chennai in India

Thanks and Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 6:55 AM
To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai
Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

I have tried to add you to skype but it requires your response.

At 14:53 04/10/2011, you wrote:

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Dear Mr Gagan,

I regret you cannot make the call today as I am not available tomorrow since I have an international flight immediately after an RSPO meeting.

We look forwards to receipt of your reply to our letter.

You will find much more information explaining the basis for the concerns raised in our letter in our website

You might start by looking at:

<http://www.forestpeoples.org/topics/responsible-finance/private-sector/palm-oil-rspo>

Regards

Marcus

At 11:37 29/09/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:

Mr. Marcus,

My skype id is gaganpattanayak, please add me.

Unfortunately I shall be occupied today. May we have a discussion tomorrow.

Thanks and Regards

Gagan Pattanayak

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From: Marcus Colchester [<mailto:marcus@forestpeoples.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 8:44 PM
To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai; sophie@forestpeoples.org
Cc: emmanuel@forestpeoples.org; Suresh Mangu/SIHL/Chennai; SV
Subject: RE: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Mr Gagan,

I will seek to call you tomorrow afternoon at 9pm Malaysian time after a series of RSPO meetings I am currently attending here in Kuala Lumpur. (I am NGO member of a number of RSPO working groups).

I can try to ring you using skype (do you use skype?) but you may also try to ring me on my mobile phone. The number is: + 44 795 294 3481

Regards

Marcus

PS Emmanuel: if you can join the skype at this same time that will be great but we may end up using phone to phone....

At 15:57 28/09/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:

Mr. Marcus,

From our side it's just starting to go, the objective is to understand your concerns 1st. Hence it may be better if I call you or any one you suggest, and then decide for a larger participation. If agreeable please do let me have your number.

Thanks and Regards

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To: Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai; sophie@forestpeoples.org
Cc: emmanuel@forestpeoples.org; Suresh Mangu/SIHL/Chennai; SV
Subject: Re: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

Dear Mr Gagan,

Perhaps we could arrange a conference call for tomorrow evening (Thursday) after 9pm Malaysian time. Emmanuel and I are both travelling while Sophie is in the UK.

Best wishes

Marcus

At 07:01 28/09/2011, Gagan Pattanayak/SIHL/Chennai wrote:

Sophie,

My name is Gagan and I am with Siva Group. We are in receipt of your mail regarding our oil palm plans in Cameroon. May I suggest a call to understand what your concerns are. Do suggest a time, we need to spend about 10 minutes to understand the matters of your letter better.

Thanks and Regards
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From: Sophie Chao [<mailto:sophie@forestpeoples.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:45 PM

To: Info-SivaGroup

Cc: info@biopalmenergy.com; 'Marcus Colchester'; 'Emmanuel Freudenthal'

Subject: Letters from Forest Peoples Programme

On behalf of Dr. Marcus Colchester, Director of the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP), please find attached 3 letters addressed to SIVA Group President, Mr. Swaminathan, SIVA Group CEO, Mr. Srinivasan, and BioPalm Energy Non-Executive Director, Mr. Varadharajan.

Kind regards,

Sophie Chao

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