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Forest Management Certification Assessment of Sibirles OOO in Tomsk region, Russia 11 October 2011

Introduction - The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance and NEPCon is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification assessment (hereafter referred as assessment) of the Sibirles OOO. Forest management units are located in Tomsk region, the total area is 8023 ha. The assessment will be implemented from November 22, 2011 to November 24, 2011.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by Sibirles OOO, using the Russian National Forest Stewardship Council Standard, ver. 6-0. <FSC-STD-RUS-01 2008-11 Russian national standard ENG>. To obtain a copy of the Standard, please contact SmartWood/NEPCon by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. You may also download the Standard from <http://www.fsc.ru/index.php?mod=page&id=209>. SmartWood is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and this assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

Assessment Team Composition – The assessment team will be led by Nikolai Tochilov, PhD in silviculture (Arkhangelsk, Russia). The team member will be Alexey Klochikhin (Syktyvkar, Russia).

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Assessment organization – The SmartWood team will assemble in Zyryanskoye settlement, at office of Sibirles OOO on November 22, 2011.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Sibirles OOO from November 22 to November 24, 2011.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Sibirles OOO forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Public stakeholder meetings – Public stakeholder meetings will be held in Zyryanskoye settlement. Date, time, and location of meeting will be announced soon.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Sibirles OOO managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.

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- ◆ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Sibirles OOO and a minimum of two independent peer reviewers. This should occur 30 days after completion of the assessment.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Sibirles OOO forest managers and independent peer reviewers, and other general stakeholder comments through the December 30, 2011, SmartWood will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by the mid January, 2012.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Sibirles OOO forest management in relation to compliance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment, or prior to December 30, 2011 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by mid January, 2012. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a SmartWood assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Nikolai Tochilov, the SmartWood/NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from NEPCon OOO. If Nikolai Tochilov is not in the office, please give your comments to either Alexey Klochikhin or Valery Magda.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Sibirles OOO.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and SmartWood staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access SmartWood's Complaints, Appeals and Dispute resolution procedures at www.rainforest-alliance.org.

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Allocation of the forest management units

GU Zyryanskoye Lesnichestvo, Okuneevskoye forest district, location Nizhne-Chetskoye, compartments 105, 106, 120, 121, 142, 143, 191, 192, area 5231 ha;

GU Zyryanskoye Lesnichestvo, Okuneevskoye forest district, location Okuneevskoye,
compartments 9-11, 13-17, 26, 36, area 2792 ha