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SmartWood Program

Public Briefing Paper for
**Forest Management Certification Assessment of
Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svitavy in
Květná, Czech Republic**
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Introduction - The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance and NEPCo is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification assessments of the Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svitavy located in Czech Republic. List of Group member included in scope of certificate:

	Name of FMU with address	Location	Area (ha)
1	Obec Bělá nad Svitavou, BnS 215, 569 05 Bělá nad Svitavou	Bělá n. Sv.	95,12
2	Obec Brněnec, Mor. Chrastová 77, 569 04 Brněnec	Brněnec, Mor. Chrastová, Chrastová Lhota, Zářečí	119,42
3	Obec Chmelík, Chmelík 76, 570 01 Litomyšl	Chmelík	118,47
4	Obec Kamenná Horka, Kam. Horka 29, 568 02, Svitavy 2	Česká Kam. Horka, Moravská Kam. Horka	111,37
5	Obec Květná, Květná 59, 572 01 Polička	Květná	82,1
6	Obec Jedlová, Jedlová 321, 569 91 Jedlová	Jedlová, Čtyři Dvory	107,83
7	Město Březová nad Svitavou, Mor. náměstí 1, 569 01 Březová nad Svitavou	Březová n. Sv., Česká Dlouhá, Muzlov	197,97
8	Obec Čistá, Čistá 376, 569 56 Čistá	Čistá u Lit.	151,96
9	Obec Karle, Karle	Karle, Ostrý Kámen, Květná	216,34
10	manž. Hronovi, Květná 18, 572 01 Polička	Trstěnice	3,56
11	Obec Lavičné, Lavičné 30, 569 02 Svitavy 2	Lavičné	54,85
Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svitavy – Total area			1258,99

The assessment will be implemented from 26th August 2010 to 27th August 2010.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forest plantations managed by the Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa

Svitavy, using the Czech FSC Standard, accredited on 30th August 2006 by Accreditation Services International GmbH in Bonn. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact SmartWood by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. 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 will be led by one assessor – Ing. Juraj Tužinský (Slovakia).

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

- ◆ Assessment organization – Assessment will start in Květná on 26th August 2010.
- ◆ Field assessments – The auditor visit sites managed by Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy during the period from 26th August 2010 to 27th August 2010.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the auditor will contact local stakeholders regarding Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Public stakeholder meetings – A public stakeholder meeting will be held during assessment. Date, time, and location will be announced soon.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the auditor will meet with Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The auditor will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy 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 Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy forest managers and independent peer reviewers, and other general stakeholder comments through mid-October, SmartWood will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by 31st October 2010.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svítavy] forest management in relation to 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 30th September 2010 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by 31st October 2010. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a SmartWood auditor during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Juraj Tužinský, the SmartWood staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from NEPCo.

3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Juraj Tužinský. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Sdružení obecních a soukromých vlastníků lesa Svitavy.

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 dispute resolution procedures at www.smartwood.org.

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