



Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

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Attn : Mr Matti Karinen

13 December 2012

Dear Mr Karinen,

RE: Complaint - Golden Veroleum Liberia

With reference to the complaint submitted by the communities of Greenville, Butaw, and Kpanyan Districts of Sinoe County through Green Advocates on 3rd Oct 2012.

The RSPO Complaints Panel(the Panel) have reviewed the evidence submitted by the complainant. We have also heard your explanation on the various issues raised by this complaint.

The preliminary findings of the Panel are that :

1. Based on the evidence , that there is merit in the complaint.
2. There are reasonable doubts on the issue of Free Prior Informed Consent of the communities.
3. There is a need for validation of the Environmental Impact Scoping Study done in December 2010 and Environmental & Social Assessment Impact Assessment done in February 2011.

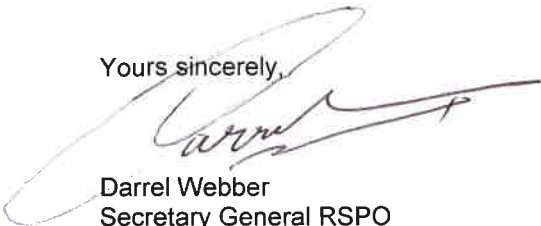
The RSPO takes note of the fact that Golden Veroleum Liberia(GVL) was not a member of RSPO when the works started in the concession area in December 2010.In the meantime, we seek your co-operation in ceasing all land clearing activities pending the resolution of this complaint. This cessation of work however does not restrict the right of GVL from continuing their on-going programmes of socialisation and dialogue with the communities with a view of obtaining Free Prior Informed Consent.

We ask Golden Veroleum Liberia to heed this instruction in keeping with your obligations as a member of RSPO.

The RSPO Complaints panel will communicate its final decision on the complaint before the 26th of December 2012.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Darrel Webber
Secretary General RSPO