
DEAL #3796

Location



Location #1

Spatial accuracy level
Location

Coordinates
Antioquia, Colombia

Latitude
Longitude
Target country
Comment on location

6.45147
-74.82511
Colombia
The pine plantations and properties of Agrícola de La Sierra are located in the municipalities of Amalfi, Yalí Vegachi, Yolombó, Maceo, Caracolí and San Roque. The shapefile uploaded in this platform is a grove description of its location. For more detail, please look at source 9, where a map is shown. It is not completely accurate, though. Satellite imagery show some reforestation done by the company.

General info



Land area

Size under contract (leased or purchased area, in ha)
Size in operation (production, in ha)
Comment on land area

[2012-08-13] 28000
[2012] 7000
Source 11

Intention of investment

Intention of the investment

Timber plantation (for wood and fibre)

Nature of the deal

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Comment on nature of the deal

Outright Purchase
The company has acquired at least 24 land holdings in the north eastern region of the state of Antioquia in Colombia. All of them are

put in one land deal. Source 9

Negotiation status

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[2006] Concluded (Contract signed)

Implementation status

Implementation status

[2012-08-13] In operation (production)

Purchase price

Comment on purchase price

They have invested US 40 Million but it is not clear whether that was devoted only for land purchases.

Contract farming

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No

Employment

Number of domestic jobs created

Jobs created (domestic)

Yes

Current number of jobs (domestic)

[2011] 600

Investor info

Operating company

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Compañía Agrícola de la Sierra Colombia S.A.
(#37523)

Network of parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders. Please right-click the nodes to get more details.

Legend

← Is parent company of

← Is tertiary investor/lender of

○ Left-click to reveal related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.


○ Right-click on investors to get more information.

Left-click to hide related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.

Data sources


Data source #1

Data source type
File

Media report


Data source #2

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Media report


Data source #3

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URL

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Media report

<http://www.dinero.com/negocios/articulo/antioquia-milagro-forestal-comienzo/133569>



Data source #4

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Company sources

<http://sarishenriquez3.wix.com/cas->



Data source #5

Data source type

URL

File

Media report

http://www.revista-mm.com/ediciones/rev74/forestal_antioquia.pdf



Data source #6

Data source type

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File

Research Paper / Policy Report

http://www.indepaz.org.co/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/608_COLOMBIA-TIERRAS-SALINAS-MAYO-11.pdf



Data source #7

Data source type

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File

Media report

<http://www.mundomaritimo.cl/noticias/empresarios-forestales-de-chile-echan-raices-en-tierras-colombianas>



Data source #8

Data source type

URL

File

Media report

<http://ciperchile.cl/2013/11/07/guerrilla-colombiana-acusa-a-empresa-forestal-de-italo-zunino-de-usurpacion-de-tierras/>



Data source #9

Data source type

URL

File

Comment on data source

Other (Please specify in comment field)

<http://www.ivancepedacastro.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/DENUNCIA-GALLON-AGA-LA-SIERRA-3-1.pdf>



Report written by congressman Iván Cepeda on the land accumulation by Agrícola de La Sierra and Anglo Gold Ashanti

Data source #10

Data source type

URL

Publication title

Date

Media report


<http://www.teleantioquia.co/featured/campesinos-de-yolombo-denuncian-supuestos-atropellos-de-empresa-agricola/>

Campesinos de Yolombó denuncian supuestos atropellos de empresa agrícola

2018-08-13

Data source #11

Data source type
URL
File
Publication title
Date
Comment on data source

Government sources
http://www.worldforestinvestment.com/colombia/docs/Agenda_

Colombia Forest Investment Conference
2012-08-13
Conference program of the Forest Conference held in Colombia. Description of some visits to be done during this conference.

Local communities / indigenous peoples



Consultation of local community

Community consultation
Comment on consultation of local community

Not consulted
According to source 10, the company never discussed the investment with the neighboring communities. It did not show any impact study on the environmental consequences of its presence, though.

How did the community react?

Community reaction
Comment on community reaction

Mixed reaction
Guerrilla groups have been reluctant to the presence of the company in the area. The FARC showed their opposition during the peace talks, while the ELN went a step further and kidnapped one of the company's engineers. The company would have had to pay an extortion or leave its operations in the area. The engineer was released along the peace talks with this group.

Presence of land conflicts

Presence of land conflicts
Comment on presence of land conflicts

Yes
Some of the properties of the Agrícola de La Sierra belonged previously to Juan Santiago Gallón Henao. This person was reported in the Clinton List and was found guilty of having connections to paramilitary groups. He even accepted having businesses with them. That was not an impediment for the company to acquire those lands. There were/are presence of illegal groups in the area (paramilitary and guerrilla). Moreover, some peasants had to flee due to the conflict present in the area. The company may have taken advantage of that to acquire the land, at least that is what the peasants assert.

Displacement of people

Displacement of people
Comment on displacement of people

Yes
The number of displaced people is actually unknown. Nevertheless, Source 10 relates to some peasants that had to leave their properties due to the conflict and when they could return, the company was already there in

their holdings. They argue that their crops were destroyed and the grassland for their cattle as well.

Negative impacts for local communities

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Environmental degradation

Eviction

Displacement

Violence

Comment on negative impacts for local communities

Source 10 also shows some neighbors from the area complaining for the incorrect fumigation of the company and the effect on their fields, additional to the already affection mentioned by the displaced peasants. It seems that the wrongdoings of the company are polluting water sources. It is not possible to signal a causality, but the company was involved (as a victim) in a kidnapping situation.

Former use



Former land owner (not by constitution)

Former land owner

Private (smallholders)

Former land use

Former land use

Smallholder agriculture

Pastoralism

Former land cover

Former land cover

Forest land

Pasture

Produce info



Detailed crop, animal and mineral information

Crops area

[2012-08-13] Pine (7000 ha)

Guidelines & Principles



Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT)

Application of Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT)

No

Comment on VGGT

They are located in areas where the land rights were not clearly stated. They transformed abandoned land. Once the previous owners returned they found the company there.

Overall Comment














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This deal relates to land acquisition for a forestry project in the Northeastern region of Antioquia, Colombia. A Chilean joint venture by Comaco and Empresas Madesal have acquired 28000 hectares, from which 8000 are planted. The main produce of the area is pine. The company suffered from a kidnapping by the ELN guerrilla, which asserted by this time, that the company was getting the land irregularly. The kidnapped engineer was then released during the peace talks the group held during some time with the government. Some peasants also assert that the company has taken their lands, since they had to leave their properties due to the conflict. Once they returned, they found that their land was reforested with pine and the cassava, grassland and food crops were changed for pine plantations.

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