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PURPOSES

To develop highly productive forest plantation for long term supply of wood chips to Oji Paper and saw logs to domestic market, to follow the Master Plan for Forestry Development of Viet Nam for the Period of 2006-2020 and contribute to the environment protection, development of socio-economic status of local community on sustainable basis.

OBJECTIVES

QPFL's primary objective is to return value to our investors through development, management and harvesting operation of renewable, fast growing forest plantation. This is achieved by utilizing our forests on a sustainable and long-term basis, while minimizing any adverse effects to the environment, particularly:

- Developing and managing 9,777ha of high-yield pulp trees with fast-growing species of Acacia and Eucalyptus in Binh Dinh in accordance with Vietnam's regulations and Binh Dinh's policies.
- Supplying annually around 60,000BDT of qualified chips from our plantated area to Oji Paper to secure income and maintaining reinvestment in replantation.
- Environment protecting through reforestation activities on 9,777ha and minimizing adverse affect to environment during the course of forest operations.
- Promoting and participating in and with local forest companies/ households in forest plantation by creating job opportunities annually.
- Providing benefits for local community from the forests such as collection of mushrooms, bee honey, firewood or providing seedlings free of charge to local people for mass planting and providing grazing land where appropriate.
- Supplying a certain logs volume for furniture processing in order to promote the development of local industry.
- Expanding the commercial plantation areas to neighbouring provinces to supply essential volume of hard woodchips to Oji Paper and logs to local furniture makers.

1) FOREST DESCRIPTION

QPFL originally owns and manages a forest plantation of 9,903.93 hectares located in the Binh Dinh's eight districts. Owing to the demand from the Government of Vietnam for using of land for social public services such as reservoirs, water damp, electricity lines...We returned 126.87ha. Annual harvesting from QPFL's forest plantation is 90,000GMT, which are Acacia auriculiformis, Acacia mangium and Acacia hybrid and Eucalyptus camaldulensis. We expected for 120,000GMT by planting most of Acacia Hybrid.

2) PLANNING OVERVIEW

Planning takes several forms in the management of forests. QPFL has also set its purpose and has a long term business plan and a series of individual but related policies and objectives each with their own activity plan.

- Firstly, Board of Directors reviews the strategic business plan including operational plan, scheduling, budget, personnels organization; and policy statements in combination with the changes of social economics in the region.
- Secondly, annual work program including physical and financial budget is finalized.
- Finally, Planning to be fitted with Master Plan for Vietnam Forestry Development 2006-2020 period.

3) POLICIES OVERVIEW

3.1 Environmental Management

QPFL is committed to being an environmentally responsible forest plantation owner and producer of wood chips products & timber logs and maintaining a high standard of environmental performance throughout its forest activities by Commitment to adhere to FSC's requirements. The focus is to minimize any adverse effects to soil and water.

The need for continuous improvement in area of environmental performance is an on going process. QPFL will strive to achieve this goal through effective Monitoring systems and adherence to Vietnam Law on Forest Protection and Development and other regulations in force.

3.2 Endangered species

QPFL shall at all times have regard for species that are endangered when performing its operations as a forest owner. Practicable steps shall be taken to ensure for protection of endangered species and their habitat.

3.4 Biodiversity

QPFL recognizes Vietnam Biodiversity Action Plan No.845/TTg dated 22 December 1995 and that QPFL endeavor not only to maintain but also enhance the biodiversity on the land which we manages.

QPFL refers its action on Biodiversity on the official information for updating the name list of rare and endangered species.

3.5 Training and Education

Having well-trained staff is an essential requirement for QPFL's long-term success. By well-training, we could enhance our's goal of long-term so-economic and environmental development.

3.5 Health and Safety

QPFL is committed to health and safety of its employees, contractors and their employees by Regulations and Laws. This is an essential focus in the day-to-day management in the forest estate.

4) FINANCIAL

QPFL always strives to maximize the profits of its shareholders within the parameters defined by company's purpose and stated in Financial Statement Report.

Annual Budget Plan is prepared accordingly before fiscal year commencing and it shall be reviewed and approved by the Directorate. Annual Budget Plan shall comprises budget for Direct Operation, Administration, Financing Program, Seedlings Providing, and others...

5) LAND MANAGEMENT

QPFL accepts its responsibility, as a significant rural land user, to practice sustainable land management and mitigate off-site effects, and manage its estate consistently with Land Use Right Certificates attached with Maps of plantation sites, Land lease Agreement and any regulations by Vietnamese Government and Law on Land Management issued on Nov. 11th, 2003 and Binh Dinh's Land Use Plan.

Currently, QPFL manages land for forest plantation by digital data to monitor major happenings and changes of forestry operation on the leased land which support to manage land properly .

6) FOREST OPERATION

Documentation is implemented for all operations undertaken within the forests. Preoperational and post operational documents along with operation prescriptions for planting/pruning/land preparation/roading /harvesting and chemical use are implemented. Operations that are likely to have significant environmental impacts are monitored by Operational and Environmental Monitoring.

All operations are described in Standard Manuals of Nursery, Planting, Harvesting, Coppicing and Safety & Forest Emergencies prepared by QPFL and revised every year.

6.1 Forestry/ Silviculture

Forestry activities that optimize growth rates and wood quality development in cost-effective ways are the key drivers for forest managers. The decisions we made will define our final product and viability in the future. Good planning, record keeping, research and monitoring are important components of our continuously improving program.

Species Selection Policy and seedlings stock area to be carefully chosen to fit local site conditions. Successful forest establishment is an integral requirement of QPFL's management. Sample Plots monitoring is carrying out for the whole rotation. Data is captured during establishment and other subsequent Silviculture operations and kept in records system. Work undertaken in each forest block will be documented and maintained in individual forest block files.

QPFL executes several trials for consideration to prolong the rotation of commercial plantation for the purposes of enhancing the better value of sustainable forest management. The proposed rotation might be from 7 to 10 years old depending upon the topography of site conditions, climates and other factors of plantation sites.

6.2 Harvesting

QPFL recognizes that harvesting causes a major impact on the environment. Through careful Harvest Planning, system selection and adherence to Health and Safety regulations, law on forest protection and development and other current regulations of Vietnam on the harvesting work including harvesting manual QPFL will endeavor to minimize the impacts of harvesting on the environment. Harvest unit sizes are determined by block basis. A number of harvesting solutions and best practices are available today to minimize environmental/social impacts while optimizing return on investment. Monitoring of this impact is also carried out with the goal of on going improvement. Training of staff is also crucial element to meet this goal.

Pre operation inspection is carried out along with environmental harvesting plans, which are complete in consultation with the contractor. The forest manager and contractor carry out monitoring of harvesting activities on a regular basis. Post harvest inspections for compliance and environmental monitoring performance will be completed after harvesting.

Forest Managers are responsible for the day-to-day supervision/monitoring of harvesting activities. Through the implementation of the log tracking system and regular feedback from BDC to QPFL and subsequent to the contractor, the forest product chain of custody of our forest produce is maintained.

QPFL set up the stable policy to only purchase hardwood chips log from Local Forest Enterprises/ Companies who were passed by the Risk Assessment regulated by SGS Qualifor.

6.3 Road Construction/Maintenance

Roads are the primary contributor to stream sedimentation from forest management activities. They are also our only means of transporting our logs to BDC's factory. As responsible stewards of the land we strive to minimize our road densities, stream crossings and sediment delivery to surface water.

Road maintenance occurs on a regular basis dependent on Road Making Planning, road use and conditions.

6.4 Seedlings Providing and Logs Purchasing

QPFL is allowed to purchase logs from local forest enterprises and households under renewal business license issued in January 24th, 2008.

QPFL is supporting the planting movement of local forest enterprises and organizations through financing program. The forest enterprises has to fulfill their responsibilities to refund the loan by selling out logs to QPFL with negotiated conditions for the sale price, delivery and so on...

Logs purchasing shall be conducted through a recognized agent to collect logs from legal sources to satisfy the requirements for FSCTM Controlled.

QPFL executes program of logs purchasing from legal sources to control the risk from the log suppliers. QPFL has been certified by SGS South Africa for as the FSC Controlled Wood suppliers since April 2009. Currently, QPFL manages FSC Controlled Wood from three logs suppliers in Binh Dinh Province namely Binh Dinh Chip Limited Liability Company (BDC); Quy Nhon Forestry Company (QFC); Thuong Thao Investment & Trading Corporation (TTC); Huyen Trang Joint Stock Company (HTG); Ha Thanh Forest Company (HTC) and General Production Investment Service Import Export Company (PISICO).

6.5 Timber logs extraction for domestic sales:

QPFL aims to maximize the extraction for timber logs for domestic sales to furniture enterprises in order to maximize the value of planted forest. An estimated volume of about 30 to 40% of total volume of stock yield is set up to obtain to contribute to the local industrial development.

7) CHEMICAL USE - HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE/FUNGICIDE

QPFL aims to use the minimum amount of chemicals required to meet its operational objectives. Consideration is given to seek and research ways to reduce the amount of chemicals applied. Ideally it would be desirable to eliminate all chemical use. The practical and economic realities are that some controlled chemical use is unavoidable in plantation.

All spraying operations and chemicals storage must comply with Vietnam regulations and guidelines.

8) STAKEHOLDERS

QPFL will consult with and notify stakeholders where they will be directly affected by the company's management operations. Any disputes or issues that may arise from time to time will be dealt with in a sensitive, quick and fair manner.

A Company Newsletter and Result for Monitoring Report will be issued when necessary and made available to all stakeholders in List of Stakeholders so we can keep people up to date on issues, activities and opinion from Stakeholders will be considered for the adjustment of QPFL's operation.

A direct meeting and or official letter to the specific stakeholder would be conducted right after receiving significant comments for the exchange of information to improve the quality of forest management.

9) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

QPFL is committed to any program in forestry research that is consistent with achieving its management objectives. This research is generally undertaken through cooperation with Forestry Research Institute of Oji Paper. Partially, it will be conducted by Forest Institutes of Viet Nam.

10) CONTRACT WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT

Execution of forest plantation activities including silviculture, harvesting, transporting shall be contracted with local forest companies.

QPFL's policy on employing the contractors as follows:

- Only use primary contractors who comply with QPFL management plans and policies on health and safety, environmental management and personnel management.
- Giving preference to local contractors who employ locally.
- Maintaining a long-term relationship with a low risk.
- Periodically controlled tendering of work to ensure market rates are maintained.

11) PUBLIC ACCESS TO FOREST

QPFL is committed to the protection of its forests asset and safety of the people to whom use the forest. QPFL implements management techniques and solutions to achieve the company policy on public access. Designed areas within the forests where safety and crop security is not compromised are set aside for multitude of users including the rights of local people to gather non-forest products such as mushroom, honey or grazing.

12) LAND ACQUISITION AND LAND DISPUTE

QPFL is a progressive company with a strong focus on growth. During the course of acquisition of land for expanding forest plantation, QPFL will contact with local communes, stakeholders, DONRE, DARD, Binh Dinh People's Committee, Forest Control Department.

Any disputes on land which QPFL is holding use rights shall be settled first by amicable understanding and consultation with local people and authority.

13) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

QPFL is committed to being a good employer by providing a work environment and assigning works Organization Chart of QPFL that is not only safe and healthy but challenging and rewarding.

14) THE FUTURE

QPFL is a progressive and responsible corporate citizen, dedicated to:

- Consistent export to Oji Paper and domestic sale of round logs to furniture companies in Viet Nam.
- Identifying new opportunities to expand forest plantation areas and maximize the return from the existing forest resource.
- Undertaking sustained replanting and resource management in order to secure the long term viability and profitability of the Company.
- Actively participating in Vietnam forestry.

For and on behalf of QPFL

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