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To Whom It May Concern

Statement Certifying the Work Done by Dr. Kwame Asumadu for the Establishment of the Forest Products Marketing Council of Guyana, Inc.

The Government of Guyana, in collaboration with international donors, forests stakeholders and the Guyana Forestry Commission undertook the establishment of a Forest Products Marketing Council (FPMC) for Guyana. This process commenced in May, 2005 and ended in December 2006, when the Council was formally established. The aim of the Project was to establish a body which will provide a more coordinated approach to the marketing of Guyana's forest products thereby facilitating the growth and development of the forest sector in Guyana.

This establishment of the FPMC was coordinated by the expert assistance of Dr. Kwame Asumadu. Dr. Asumadu was involved in the process of establishment from the inception and continued to give support and technical advice throughout the supporting activities during the course of the establishment. The FPMC's establishment included the drafting of several technical reports and analytical documents which guided the process. Dr. Asumadu was largely responsible for the drafting of the Inception report and Business Plan. He also coordinated and facilitated multiple stakeholder consultations with the forest sector in Guyana. In addition to this, Dr. Asumadu gave technical support to the recruitment activities of staff for the council, assistance in drafting the Annual Workplan for the Council and in recommending financing options available to the Council.

It is our firm opinion that Dr. Asumadu's coordination and general input were invaluable and critical to the successful establishment of the FPMC. We were indeed fortunate to have gained his services for this Project.

Thank you.



James Singh

Commissioner of Forests

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