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In Dec 2017, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

1. The 3/2017 Technical Meeting between AHWG and EFI

8 December 2017 – Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office arranged the Technical Meeting between AHWG and EFI No. 3/2017 at Mida Airport Hotel. The chairman of the meeting was Mr. Tumnoon Akarapin, Director of Permission Bureau of Royal Forest Department. This meeting aims to discuss with EFI on a guideline of imported timber control and a guideline of unrestricted timber certification on private land. The chairman notified that Video Conference will be arranged on 14 December 2017 to follow up the overall operation after the 1st negotiation and to schedule the 3rd Joint Expert Meeting (JEM 3) and the 2nd negotiation between Thailand and EU (NEG2). In the topic of Imported Timber Control, Mr. Alexander Hinrichs, the representative of EFI, opined that the draft of importing control should be detailed and the related regulations should be specified (as Vietnam issued the regulation on imported timber). Moreover, a traceable mechanism and illegal timber protection to supply chain must be explicit which level of law should be performed and how the draft of importing control has been designed and linked to which organizations. Therefore, it will be discussed in the upcoming Joint Expert Meeting

2. Consultation with Private Forest Plantation Cooperative Limited

12 December 2017, Ms. Yingluck Patiphanthewa, Mr. Ukrit Kalayee and Mr. Jittiwat Srilapat from Private Forest Plantation Cooperative Limited consulted with Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontorn, director of Thai – EU FLEGT Secretariat Office (TEFSO) on participation in projects of Royal Forest Department which are related to commercial timber. The consultation was aimed to discuss on projects which are related to mentioned timber. The Private Forest Plantation Cooperative Limited demands to participate in encouraging commercial timber on the lands with a certificate of ownership to be legally registered. In addition, they thought that FLEGT VPA progress's advantages and purposes on legality are similar to the cooperative. To achieve FLEGT VPA Progress on



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unrestricted timber certification on private land, Royal Forest Department assigned the cooperative to plan the farmer training on tree registration by e-Tree. Both agreed that the tree registration by electronic systems are convenience and will attract more people to plant commercial timber for an occupation.

3. The Preparation Meeting of the Video Conference between Thailand and EU

13 December 2017, Mr. Sapol Boonsermsuk, Director of International Forestry Cooperation Office visited Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontorn, the Director of Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office (TEFSO) to confer and prepared for Video Conference between Thailand and the EU which held on the 14th December. This video conference discussed on Legality Definition and revised the VPA Roadmap. In addition, the conference also update on product scope, unregulated species certification on private land, and imported timber control.

4. The Video Conference between Thailand and EU

14th December 2017, Mr. Jareysak Nantawong, Deputy Director-General of the Royal Forest Department acted as head of Thai Team on video conference while Ms. Helene Perier, acted as Head of EU Team. The video conference arranged at Meeting room no.2, Athenee Tower, 10th Floors, Bangkok. This meeting aims to discuss and update about FLEGT VPA Roadmap. Both have discussed on Legality definition (LD), unregulated species certification on private land, imported timber control, product Scope, and revised VPA roadmap

5. DDS Sub-Working Group Meeting on Imported Timber Control



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18th December 2017, Mr. Boonsuthee Jeravongpanicht, the representative of Timber Certification Office acted as a chairman of the DDS sub-working group meeting on imported timber control at GS1-3 meeting room, The Federation of Thai Industries. In the topic of Due Diligence System Drafting, It must be considered as the principle that Thailand had announced at the 1st Negotiation in June 2017 that there will be only legal timber and timber product in Thailand. It should be only one traceable mechanism of both imported and domestic timber including the mechanism of illegal timber protection to supply chain. And Legal punishment is abided by the rules or regulation of Customs and Ministry of Commerce Law.