



**25<sup>th</sup> Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO**  
**in March 2016**

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In March 2016, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

**1. EFI technical consultants meets Director of TEFSO**

On 7 March 2016 at TEFSO meeting room in the morning, Mr. Sebastian Schrader, Technical Consultant and Ph.D. Somrudee Nicro, Consultant to the EU FLEGT Facility, EFI meets Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontron Director of TEFSO to discuss on agenda and detail for Joint Expert Meeting II : JEM II and the first negotiation between Thailand and EU which will be arranged during the end of April and the first week of May.

**2. The meeting between EFI representative and private sector**

On 7 March 2016 at TEFSO meeting time 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Sebastian Schrader, Technical Consultant and Ph.D. Somrudee Nicro, Consultant to the EU FLEGT Facility from EFI invites stakeholder from private sector; Thai Panel Product Industry Club, Pulp and Paper Industries Club under The Federation of Thai Industries, The Thai Pulp and Paper Industries Association (TPPIA), Siam Kraft Industry Co., Ltd., Double A, Thai Timber Association and Sawmills Association. The meeting aims to introduce FLEGT VPA process in Thailand, what is the benefit of joining the FLEGT VPA and wood certification under FLEGT licences.

**3. EFI meets DDG for Preparation of JEM II and Negotiation meeting**

On 8 March 2016, Komkrit Building, Royal Forest Department, Mr. Sebastian Schrader, Technical Consultant and Ph.D. Somrudee Nicro, Consultant to the EU FLEGT Facility from meet Mr. Pralong Damrongthai, Deputy Director of Royal Forest Department to discuss about the agenda of Joint Expert Meeting II : JEM II and national negotiation meeting The meeting will be arranged on 24-27 April, 2016 at Bangkok.



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**4. FLEGT VPA Sub-Committee Meeting no.1/2016**

On 10 March 2016 at Teimkromkrit Building, RFD meeting room no.1 ,RFD arranged the sub-committee meeting on FLEGT VPA The meeting aims to consult and preparing for Joint Expert Meeting II (JEM II) and the first FLEGT VPA negotiation between Thailand and EU.Sub-committee discuss on the concept and agenda of JEM II and the first negotiation ,Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Kasemsan Jinnawaso will be the chief negotiator on Thai side, The two meetings will be arranged on 24-27 Apr,2016 at Bangkok. However the result from the sub-committee on FLEGT VPA meeting will be presented to FLEGT VPA committee on 15 March.

**5. FLEGT VPA committee meeting no.1/2016**

Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at the meeting room of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, 17th floors ; RFD arranged the committee meeting on FLEGT VPA no.1/2016, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is a chairman of the meeting. The main points of the meeting are consult and discuss on the concept and formal agenda on Joint Expert Meeting II (JEM II) and the first FLEGT VPA negotiation between Thai and EU.

**6. Thai – EU FLEGT VPA working group meeting on product scope no.2/2016**

On 29 March 2016, Forest Certificate Office (FCO) and Thai – EU FLEGT Secretariat Office (TEFSO) under RFD arranged the Thai – EU FLEGT VPA working group on product scope meeting no.2/2016 at H.A. Slade Building, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation.

The meeting continued from the product scope meeting no.1/2016 which arranged on 15 February 2016, Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontron , FCO and TEFSO Director is a chairman. Participants from private sector, CSO and government sector discuss on Harmonized System Code (HS Code) and relevant wood product which will be brought under product scope annex.