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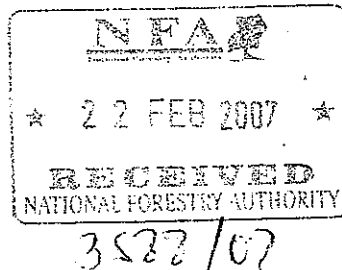
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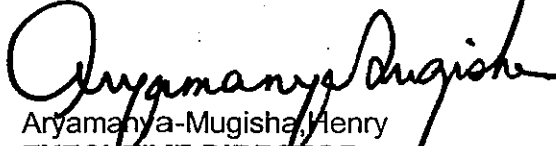
RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RWOHO AND BUGAMBA FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (2006-2016)

The review of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Rwoho and Bugamba Forest Management Plan has been finalized and this is to issue approval for the environmental aspects of the proposed forest management plan. In addition to implementing the mitigation measures as identified in the EIS, you will also be required to ensure that;

- (i) you minimize loss of biological diversity for both plants and animal species during the implementation of the project by among others:-
 - (a) ensuring that in areas designated for biodiversity conservation and production, indigenous trees are planted to restore natural vegetation;
 - (b) maintaining the nature reserve in its natural state and only allowing restricted activities with minimal impacts like research and education;
 - (c) identifying indigenous mature trees, which are important seed banks in the areas where plantations are to be established, ensuring that such tree species are not cut;
 - (d) protecting the riparian forests, wetlands, water courses/streams and other fragile ecosystems in the project area;
 - (e) regularly monitoring the status of indicator species like birds and butterflies which are sensitive to loss or change of habitat;
- (ii) a phased approach is used in establishing plantations so as to control the likely impacts of soil erosion;
- (iii) there is restoration of degraded hilly areas through reforestation and afforestation;

- (iv) any activities carried out in the protection zones of streams or rivers are in accordance with the provisions of the National Environment (Wetlands, River Banks and Lake Shores Management) Regulations, 2000;
- (v) collaborative forest management is undertaken with the local communities to allow communities access to some of the resources in the forest reserves and for their active participation in the implementation forest management plans;
- (vi) tree planting is carried out in communities and train communities in the establishment and management of tree nurseries in accordance with collaborative forest management agreements;
- (vii) workers are provided with appropriate protective gear during the implementation of the project;
- (viii) all waste-oil resulting from operations and service of vehicles and machines is collected and stored in well-labelled waste-oil drums, and disposed off by an authorised agent or oil supply company;
- (ix) annual audit reports are submitted to this Authority in line with the National Environment (Audit) Regulations, 2006;
- (x) the Environment Monitoring Plan (EMP) is implemented as contained in the environmental impact statement, and ensures record-keeping as contained in Section 77 of the National Environment Act cap 153, and their transmission to the Authority as required by Section 78 of the Act;
- (xi) any other conditions and requirements as may be prescribed from time to time by NEMA, district authorities of Ntungamo, Mbarara and Isingiro or any other lead agency are fulfilled;
- (xii) in accordance with Section 22 (4) of the National Environment Act, Cap 153, ensure that any other undesirable environmental impacts that may arise due to implementing this project but were not contemplated by the time of undertaking this environmental impact assessment are mitigated.

I look forward to continued collaboration.


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