



TO: To Whom It May Concern
FROM: Rainforest Alliance Verification Team
RE: Verification of Guyana REDD+ Enabling Activities Reporting
DATE: October 6, 2010

The Rainforest Alliance Program has been contracted by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment to conduct an independent verification of the cumulative accuracy of two Annual Progress Reports on REDD-plus Enabling Indicators – one for the period from November through February 2010 and the other March through September 2010 by the Government of Guyana, as described in the Joint Concept Note (JCN). Both the Progress Reports and the JCN (and other documentation) are available at <http://www.lcds.gov.gy/guyana-norway-agreement.html>). Rainforest Alliance will assess Enabling Indicators in the JCN related to:

- Strategic framework,
- Continuous multi-stakeholder consultation mechanism,
- Governance,
- Financial mechanism,
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV), and,
- Rights of indigenous peoples and other local forest communities as regards REDD-plus.

A 7th Enabling Indicator relates to this “Annual Assessment and Verification” being done by Rainforest Alliance.

Rainforest Alliance is implementing this review as of October 4. The review will include information gathering in Guyana during the period from Sunday, October 10 to Saturday October 16. **In addition, the Verification Team will also be available to stakeholders during an Open House on Tuesday, October 12th from 5PM-7PM at the Pegasus Hotel.**

Information gathering is NOT restricted to the above field dates or Open House – stakeholders may also submit written comments or observations, or request telephone interviews to provide perspective, until October 25th. Comments received after October 25th will be considered if received prior to the submission of Rainforest Alliance’s draft report to the governments of Norway and Guyana, which is expected to occur approximately November 11th, 2010. The final verification report will be a public document and posted on the LCDS website.

The verification team and their contact information are as follows:

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Stakeholders or other interested parties may request meetings with the Verification Team by contacting any of the individuals above by email, or by contacting Shyam Nokta, Adviser to the President & Head, Office of Climate Change, Office of the President | Shiv Chanderpaul Drive, Georgetown, Tel. +592 223 5205, Fax.+592 223 5231 or E-mail: snokta@op.gov.gy.