



SAMLING GLOBAL LIMITED

14 August 2009

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Dear Sir,

**RE : LIBERIA POISED TO HAND FORESTS TO TIMBER PIRATES,
GLOBAL WITNESS WARNS**

We refer to the above matter and to your press releases dated 15 July 2009 and 11 August 2009.

We note that despite our letter dated 30 June 2009, you have elected to link us with two firms known as Southeast Resources Limited and Atlantic Resources Limited alleged by you to be involved in the bidding for forest management contracts in Liberia. We further note that you have accused us of being internationally notorious for illegal logging activities.

We strongly deny the above accusation and all the allegations raised against us in your abovementioned articles.

We feel compelled to put you on notice that it is your responsibility to ensure the truth and accuracy of what you publish. In this regard, it is for you to research and collect the necessary information and evidence to support what you print. That responsibility is not discharged by sending lengthy questionnaires to us in the expectation that we will conduct your research and verification for you.

We are not a source of information for you and decline to be questioned and interrogated in the way you have done in your letter dated 12 June 2009. Further it is wholly mischievous and indicative of improper motive on your part for you to treat our refusal to answer your lengthy interrogation as a license for you to print whatever you please.

You are hereby placed on notice that all rights are reserved against you and the organisation you represent.

Yours sincerely

CHERYL YONG
Corporate Communications, Head