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PEFC Council Board Meeting

Montreux, Switzerland, 7 December 2015

Present:

- William V. Street (Chairman),
- Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy (1st Vice Chairman),
- Sheam Satkuru-Granzella (2nd Vice Chairman),
- Joseph Lawson,
- Geneviève Chua,
- Hans Drielsma,
- Michael Proschek-Hauptmann,
- Pedro Albizu,
- Peter Latham,
- Riikka Joukio,

Apologies:

- Hervé LeBouler,
- Julian Walker-Palin,
- Juan-Carlos Jintiach,
- Olivier Bertrand,

In attendance:

- Ben Gunneberg (Secretary General/CEO)
- Gill Parker (Finance Unit) – Item 4.2
- Thorsten Arndt (Communications Unit) – Item 9.3

1. AGENDA

BOD/52/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the agenda.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

BOD/53/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- Minutes of the last Board Meeting held in Lake Tahoe California, USA, and Conference call held on 9 November 2015.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Board noted the matters arising in the Progress report.

Board members raised additional issues concerning the Modern Slavery Act (UK) and associations. It was recommended that these issues should be teed up for discussion at the Members meeting in 2016. It was noted that PEFC would be meeting with IKEA in January.

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

4.1. Secretariat Report

The Secretary General presented the Secretariat Briefing (It was noted that the staff would report more fully to members on the following day).

4.2. Management Accounts 3rd Quarter 2015

BOD/54/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- To note the management accounts for the period 1 January to 30 September 2015.

5. FINAL PREPARATION FOR GA AND MEMBERS MEETING

The Board noted the rationale for the Nominations Committee deferring the vote on the Chair into 2016. In the meantime Ms Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy would become "Acting Chair" and both would be communicated at the members meeting.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1. National Governing Body - Membership Application - Hungarian Forest Certification Non-profit Ltd (PEFC Hungary)

BOD/55/2015 Unanimously agreed

- To recommend the "Hungarian Forest Certification Non-Profit Ltd." through a postal ballot, to the General Assembly as the PEFC Council National Governing Body for Hungary.

7. TECHNICAL ISSUES

7.1. Chain of Custody editorial on GM Trees

BOD/56/2015 Unanimously agreed

- To extend the consideration of material from genetically modified forest based organisms as "controversial sources" in the PEFC Chain of Custody until 31st December 2022, by updating the definition of "controversial sources" in section 3.9 of the PEFC Chain of Custody standard (PEFC ST 2002:2013).

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The chair noted that the Chain of Custody working group would be meeting on Friday to consider a range of issues including guidance for the implementation of social requirements; the revision of the chain of custody standard and the 100% road map issues.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. 100 % roadmap update by Chairman

The chair presented the letter submitted by PEFC Austria and his response and it was noted that the issue would be considered by the Chain of Custody and Labelling Working Group.

9.2. Note letter by CERTFOR re price fixing

The Secretary General provided an update on developments in Chile concerning how CERTFOR Chile was dealing with the issue of fixing the price of Tissue which had raised its head in Chile. The CERTFOR Chile Board had met and agreed that no actions could be taken as none of the companies in question were CERTFOR certified. Nevertheless it was noted that one director of the CERTFOR board had offered his resignation, which had been accepted, as an uncertified subsidiary of

his company group had been involved in the case.

9.3. Communications Update

At the request of the Secretary General, Mr Thorsten Arndt, Head of Communications Unit, made a presentation of PEFC's coverage in the media showing trends and comparisons with competitors.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April 2016.

On behalf of the Board and PEFC, the Chairman thanked Dr Hans Drielsma for his many years of service to the PEFC Council as an active Board member and also as chair of various working groups, initiatives and taskforces, including PEFC Asia Promotions, the forest management standards revision and assessment revision processes, as well

and work on appendices to standards and the extraordinary assessments.

The meeting ended at 13:00hrs

Signed:

Mr William V. Street, Chairman

Mr Ben Gunneberg, Secretary General and CEO