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Mr. Joseph Harmon, MP
Member of Parliamentary Sub Committee on Natural Resources
Office of the Leader of the Opposition
Hadfield Street
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Dear Mr. Harmon,

Invitation to Public Debate on Bai Shan Lin's Operations within the Forest Sector of Guyana

I make reference to the recently held Parliamentary Sub Committee on Natural Resources on 14th July, 2014 at which the matter of Bai Shan Lin's forestry operation was an Agenda Item.

I wish to refer to a meeting at which all matters and areas of clarification related to forestry activities, including Bai Shan Lin's operation, were fully addressed with relevant details provided. In this regard, one of the matter which arose was the allocation of state forest area to Bai Shan Lin and I provided full information and details to the Sub Committee.

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) has noted that there has been several reports in the local media, which contained allegations, claims and assertions that you have allegedly made, on various matters relating to Bai Shan Lin and the GFC's conduct in this regard.

I wish to categorically state that the GFC's has clear, transparent and technically sound guidelines and procedures for all aspects of its forestry operation and these are uniformly and consistently applied across the forest sector.

The GFC role as a regulatory agency involves interactive and open dialogue with stakeholders.

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a Public Debate on Bai Shan Lin's operation and any other related forestry matter, at a time that is convenient to you.

In keeping with the intended public discussion session, I am copying all media outlets in this correspondence.

The GFC looks forward to your response to this letter, and to addressing any questions or clarification that you may require.

Thank you.

With Best Regards

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James Singh
Commissioner of Forests

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