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Tribal Certificate Inventory Project, Bong County- Liberia

Zota District
Report covering
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INTRODUCTION

The Inventory and scanning exercise in **Zota** District were done for the three clans of the District, namely; **Zota, Gwilapolu and Kpaiquellie Clans** respectively. This exercise was conducted from **March 16th -20th, 2015**. The Tribal Certificates recorded for the three clans were three hundred and seventy-two (**372**), with a total acreage of **22,226.7+1 ½ lots**. This report also categorized the process of recording and scanning in the following:

- A. Total number of certificates recorded in the three clans (**Zota, Gwilapolu and Kpaiquellie Clans**) in **Zota District** and the total acreage of TCS recorded.
- B. Certified Tribal Certificates Vetted in each of the three clans and acreage.
- C. Vetted Tribal Certificates in the three clans that are in conflict as well as total acreage.
- D. Tribal Certificates vetted, but issued under moratorium and their acreage.
- E. Tribal Certificates not vetted (The TCS Owners or Holders did not show up for the vetting process and acreage).

Vetting

The vetting process of Tribal Certificates recorded lasted from **March 21-27, 2015**. This process witnessed the participation of the local authorities which include; the clan chiefs, Paramount Chiefs, Town Chiefs, District Commissioners, Sectional Clerks, Elders, Women Leaders, Youth Representatives and citizens of these clans, where these Tribal Certificates were issued.



Vetting process in Zota District

MOBILIZATION

This entails the continue Radio announcements using Radio Gbarnga and Radio Bongies Stations with the help of the **(Assistant Outreach & Education Officer) Mr. Jefferson Massah** Land Coordination Center (LCC), Bong County. Also with the inventory steps flyers were sent to various clans Headquarters prior to the scanning, recording and vetting exercise.

METHODOLOGY

The exercise of recording all information about a “Tribal Certificate” is accomplished through the following five steps:

1. **Registration:** the recorder collects a tribal certificate, assign a serial number and stamp the tribal certificate.
2. **Scanning:** Scan and enter the information of a tribal certificate into database and give back original copy to the holder/owner.
3. **Photographing:** the holder /owner takes photo with tribal certificate bearing an assigned serial number.
4. **Issuance of LC Official Receipt:** An official receipt in favor of the tribal certificate owner/holder is issued with the assigned serial number indicating number of acreage(s) on the TC as well.
5. **Vetting:** Vetter’s proceed to the various clans to ensure that all documents are accurate and verify signatures on each tribal certificate in collaboration with local authorities of each clan where exercise is being carried out.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each working day starts at 8:30 a.m., where members of the team depart Gbarnga town for Zota District Head office), during the inventory from March 16th 20th, 2015. Afterward, the team went to the following clans; Yowee town, Gwilapolu Clan from March 28 and 30th, Shakpala town, Kpaiquellie Clan March 31st –April 1st, 2015 and Naama Town, Zota Clan April 2nd 3rd, 2015 for the vetting of the entire registered TCs of Zota District.



Commissioner Liberty with the Team in Yowee town, Gwilapolu Clan Zota District

The total number of tribal certificates recorded in the three cans; (**Gwilapolu, Kpaiquellie and Zota Clans**) is **378** with the total acreage of **108,421.7**.

BREAK DOWN OF TOTAL TRIBAL CERTIFICATES AND ACREAGE RECORDED PER CLAN IN THE BELOW CATEGORIES:

1. Certified Tribal Certificates vetted with acreage and serial numbers.
2. Tribal Certificates vetted but in conflict with acreage and serial numbers.
3. Tribal Certificates vetted but issued under the moratorium with acreage and serial numbers.
4. Tribal Certificates not Vetted (The TC Owners/holders did not show up during the vetting exercise with their acreage and serial numbers.

Gwilapolu Clan, the total TCS recorded is **104** including, **Certified TCS, TCS in Conflict, TCS Issued under Moratorium and not Vetted TCS** with total acreage of **32,838**.

Details of 104 TCS recorded in Gwilapolu Clan:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>ACREAGE</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Certified TCS = 76 | 27,213 |
| • TCS in Conflict = 11 | 3,450 |
| • TCS Issued under Moratorium = 11 | 5,955 |
| • Not Vetted TCS = 11 | 2,175 |

1. Total number of Certified Tribal Certificates vetted with acreage and serial numbers in Gwilapolu Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------|---------|
| 00000773 | 500 |
| 00000782 | 150 |
| 00000726 | 250 |
| 00000632 | 900 |
| 00000707 | 800 |
| 00000790 | 250 |
| 00000621 | 500 |
| 00000899 | 48 |
| 00000762 | 250 |
| 00000882 | 400 |
| 00000883 | 350 |
| 00000887 | 360 |
| 00000892 | 300 |
| 00000905 | 500 |
| 00000910 | 500 |
| 00000880 | 300 |
| 00000908 | 250 |
| 00000688 | 125 |
| 00000912 | 500 |
| 00000874 | 300 |
| 00000894 | 250 |
| 00000879 | 250 |
| 00000885 | 250 |
| 00000679 | 150 |

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| 00000838 | 500 |
| 00000902 | 800 |
| 00000901 | 500 |
| 00000898 | 400 |
| 00000765 | 200 |
| 00000686 | 150 |
| 00000640 | 200 |
| 00000706 | 1500 |
| 00000791 | 200 |
| 00000631 | 300 |
| 00000630 | 600 |
| 00000881 | 350 |
| 00000884 | 200 |
| 00000886 | 400 |
| 00000888 | 450 |
| 00000875 | 350 |
| 00000813 | 450 |
| 00000904 | 500 |
| 00000911 | 500 |
| 00000814 | 200 |
| 00000909 | 100 |
| 00000907 | 500 |
| 00000922 | 350 |
| 00000918 | 100 |
| 00000915 | 300 |
| 00000919 | 500 |
| 00000925 | 500 |
| 00000926 | 200 |
| 00000929 | 150 |
| 00000930 | 100 |
| 00000932 | 500 |
| 00000928 | 200 |
| 00000620 | 500 |
| 00000936 | 500 |
| 00000939 | 250 |
| 00000941 | 400 |
| 00000946 | 350 |
| 00000948 | 500 |
| 00000917 | 350 |
| 00000921 | 50 |
| 00000916 | 450 |
| 00000914 | 250 |
| 00000920 | 500 |
| 00000931 | 300 |

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| 00000931 | 300 |
| 00000927 | 150 |
| 00000923 | 250 |
| 00000935 | 480 |
| 00000940 | 300 |
| 00000938 | 450 |
| 00000947 | 200 |
| 00000945 | 400 |
| 00000942 | 250 |
| Total TCS | 76 |
| Total Acreage | 27,213 |

2. Total number of Tribal Certificates vetted; but in conflict with acreage and serial numbers in Gwilapolu Clan (conflict type: Boundary, encroachment, claim and counter claim of ownership)

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000872 | 400 |
| 00000663 | 250 |
| 00000913 | 400 |
| 00000871 | 200 |
| 00000900 | 50 |
| 00000633 | 500 |
| 00000976 | 450 |
| 00000840 | 350 |
| 00000846 | 350 |
| 00000943 | 150 |
| 00000845 | 350 |
| Total TCS | 11 |
| Total Acreage | 3450 |

3. Total number of Tribal Certificates vetted; but issued under moratorium with acreage and serial numbers in Gwilapolu Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000972 | 250 |
| 00000970 | 850 |
| 00000974 | 500 |
| 00000971 | 800 |
| 00000969 | 850 |
| 00000924 | 850 |
| 00000764 | 5 |
| 00000934 | 500 |
| 00000937 | 500 |
| 00000944 | 200 |
| 00000933 | 650 |
| Total TCS | 11 |
| Total acreage | 5955 |

4. Total number of Tribal Certificates not vetted; with acreage and serial numbers in Gwilapolu Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000948 | 500 |
| 00000973 | 350 |
| 00000975 | 500 |
| 000001080 | 225 |
| 000001081 | 350 |
| 00000894 | 250 |
| Total TCS | 6 |
| Total acreage | 2175 |

Kpaiquellie Clan the total Tcs recorded were **111** including, **Certified TCS, TCS in Conflict, not vetted TCS and TCS Issued under Moratorium** with a total number of acreage **30,671**

Details of 111TCS recorded in Kpaiquellie Clan:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>ACREAGE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| • Certified TCS = 72 | 19786 |
| • TCS in Conflict = 16 | 3510 |
| • TCS Issued under Moratorium =17 | 5050 |
| • Not Vetted TCS= 6 | 2325 |

1. Total number of Certified Tribal Certificates vetted with acreage and serial numbers in Kpaiquellie Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------|---------|
| 00000794 | 300 |
| 00000680 | 200 |
| 00000863 | 1 |
| 00000772 | 375 |
| 00000690 | 200 |
| 00000766 | 350 |
| 00000661 | 350 |
| 00000868 | 200 |
| 00000847 | 300 |
| 00000951 | 300 |
| 00000799 | 200 |
| 00000737 | 150 |
| 00000959 | 200 |
| 00000866 | 250 |
| 00000647 | 300 |
| 00000669 | 300 |
| 00000789 | 200 |
| 00000788 | 250 |
| 00000738 | 100 |
| 00000729 | 800 |
| 00000667 | 250 |
| 00000627 | 200 |

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| 00000817 | 500 |
| 00000781 | 350 |
| 00000695 | 230 |
| 00000775 | 250 |
| 00000906 | 200 |
| 00000953 | 300 |
| 00000954 | 250 |
| 00000763 | 350 |
| 00000749 | 350 |
| 00000862 | 300 |
| 00000867 | 400 |
| 00000674 | 350 |
| 00000672 | 250 |
| 00000692 | 200 |
| 00000689 | 200 |
| 00000746 | 350 |
| 00000836 | 350 |
| 00000821 | 5 |
| 00000869 | 250 |
| 00000768 | 350 |
| 00000955 | 250 |
| 00000877 | 100 |
| 00000744 | 250 |
| 00000673 | 300 |
| 00000750 | 350 |
| 00000763 | 350 |
| 00000757 | 400 |
| 00000779 | 375 |
| 00000617 | 200 |
| 00000691 | 200 |
| 00000618 | 400 |
| 00000949 | 350 |
| 00000767 | 350 |
| 00000671 | 350 |
| 00000832 | 150 |
| 00000682 | 250 |
| 00000844 | 300 |
| 00000708 | 300 |
| 00000725 | 350 |
| 00000831 | 300 |
| 00000724 | 250 |
| 00000694 | 500 |
| 00000776 | 350 |
| 00000835 | 300 |

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| 00000659 | 50 |
| 00000812 | 300 |
| 00000683 | 50 |
| 00000751 | 350 |
| 00000852 | 200 |
| 00000613 | 200 |
| Total TCS | 72 |
| Total Acreage | 19786 |

2. Total number of Tribal Certificate vetted; but in conflict with acreage and serial numbers in Kpaiquellie Clan (conflict type: Boundary, encroachment, claim and counter claim of ownership)

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000758 | 350 |
| 00000878 | 200 |
| 00000952 | 200 |
| 00000702 | 200 |
| 00000681 | 160 |
| 00000616 | 150 |
| 00000626 | 200 |
| 00000614 | 300 |
| 00000818 | 250 |
| 00000777 | 375 |
| 00000642 | 100 |
| 00000624 | 75 |
| 00000662 | 250 |
| 00000802 | 250 |
| 00000710 | 100 |
| 00000657 | 350 |
| Total TCS | 16 |
| Total Acreage | 3510 |

3. Total number of Tribal Certificates vetted; but issued under moratorium with acreage and serial numbers in Kpaiquellie Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------|---------|
| 00000784 | 250 |
| 00000783 | 250 |
| 00000699 | 400 |
| 00000822 | 300 |
| 00000854 | 200 |
| 00000771 | 325 |
| 00000769 | 375 |
| 00000770 | 300 |
| 00000740 | 200 |
| 00000741 | 250 |
| 00000648 | 350 |
| 00000745 | 250 |

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| 00000958 | 250 |
| 00000828 | 250 |
| 00000698 | 250 |
| 00000700 | 200 |
| 00000956 | 650 |
| Total TCS | 17 |
| Total acreage | 5050 |

4. Total number of Tribal Certificates not vetted; with acreage and serial numbers in Kpaiquellie Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000780 | 375 |
| 00000896 | 450 |
| 00000897 | 350 |
| 00000950 | 250 |
| 00000957 | 400 |
| 00000968 | 500 |
| Total TCS | 6 |
| Total acreage | 2325 |

Zota Clan has a total recorded Tcs of **157** including, **Certified TCS, TCS in Conflict, Not vetted TCS and TCS Issued under Moratorium** with a total acreage of **30,832.7+ 1 ½lots.**

Details of 157 TCS recorded in Zota Clan:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>ACREAGE</u> |
|--|---------------------------|
| • Certified TCS = 107 - - - - | 22,226.7+ 1 ½lots. |
| • TCS in Conflict = 20 - - - - | 7,896 |
| • TCS Issued under Moratorium =19 - - - - | 6,152 |
| • Not Vetted TCS= 12 - - - - | 2,683 |

1. Total number of Certified Tribal Certificates vetted with acreage and serial numbers in Zota Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------|---------|
| 00000796 | 200.7 |
| 00000665 | 350 |
| 00000829 | 150 |
| 00000731 | 200 |
| 00000797 | 150 |
| 00000652 | 230 |
| 00000622 | 200 |
| 00000815 | 10 |
| 00000654 | 200 |
| 00000728 | 200 |
| 00000676 | 200 |
| 00000711 | 150 |
| 00000853 | 400 |
| 00000849 | 40 |
| 00000820 | 150 |
| 00000748 | 200 |

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| 00000978 | 250 |
| 00000804 | 1 ½ lots |
| 00000717 | 200 |
| 00000644 | 150 |
| 00000842 | 250 |
| 00000713 | 100 |
| 00000660 | 50 |
| 00000825 | 250 |
| 00000653 | 100 |
| 00000792 | 300 |
| 00000712 | 50 |
| 00000798 | 30 |
| 00000685 | 360 |
| 00000735 | 200 |
| 00000889 | 200 |
| 00000638 | 30 |
| 00000675 | 100 |
| 00000645 | 150 |
| 00000635 | 200 |
| 00000870 | 50 |
| 00000793 | 300 |
| 00000623 | 250 |
| 00000696 | 250 |
| 00000664 | 200 |
| 00000830 | 50 |
| 00000736 | 250 |
| 00000670 | 250 |
| 00000687 | 270 |
| 00000980 | 500 |
| 00000760 | 300 |
| 00000864 | 1 |
| 00000856 | 50 |
| 00000795 | 200 |
| 00000610 | 200 |
| 00000703 | 450 |
| 00000979 | 250 |
| 00000629 | 100 |
| 00000615 | 200 |
| 00000865 | 250 |
| 00000722 | 30 |
| 00000639 | 150 |
| 00000859 | 200 |
| 00000810 | 200 |
| 00000619 | 25 |

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| 00000848 | 500 |
| 00000873 | 250 |
| 00000732 | 85 |
| 00000827 | 60 |
| 00000625 | 250 |
| 00000641 | 150 |
| 00000809 | 200 |
| 00000756 | 100 |
| 00000677 | 250 |
| 00000800 | 350 |
| 00000682 | 100 |
| 00000668 | 200 |
| 00000723 | 400 |
| 00000693 | 150 |
| 00000807 | 300 |
| 00000806 | 300 |
| 00000805 | 280 |
| 00000826 | 150 |
| 00000823 | 400 |
| 00000891 | 200 |
| 00000890 | 300 |
| 00000834 | 200 |
| 00000819 | 100 |
| 00000808 | 75 |
| 00000678 | 350 |
| 00000774 | 200 |
| 00000755 | 100 |
| 00000803 | 200 |
| 00000759 | 250 |
| 00000666 | 300 |
| 00000787 | 250 |
| 00000753 | 350 |
| 00000701 | 550 |
| 00000754 | 350 |
| 00000727 | 300 |
| 00000655 | 200 |
| 00000656 | 350 |
| 00000636 | 250 |
| 00000634 | 150 |
| 00000734 | 375 |
| 00000612 | 150 |
| 00000833 | 200 |
| 00000893 | 100 |
| 00000733 | 400 |

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| 00000801 | 200 |
| 00000851 | 250 |
| 00000824 | 75 |
| Total TCS | 111 |
| Total Acreage | 22226.7+ 1 ½lots. |

2. Total number of Tribal Certificates vetted; but in conflict with acreage and serial numbers in Zota Clan (conflict type: Boundary, encroachment, claim and counter claim of ownership).

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000637 | 400 |
| 00000761 | 40 |
| 00000697 | 200 |
| 00000611 | 550 |
| 00000747 | 250 |
| 00000742 | 200 |
| 00000858 | 200 |
| 00000857 | 200 |
| 00000716 | 8 |
| 00000895 | 150 |
| 00000718 | 300 |
| 00000646 | 200 |
| 00000714 | 150 |
| 00000719 | 25 |
| 00000850 | 400 |
| 00000739 | 200 |
| 00000703 | 450 |
| 00000643 | 200 |
| 00000704 | 250 |
| 00000743 | 250 |
| Total TCS | 20 |
| Total Acreage | 7896 |

3. Total number of Tribal Certificate vetted; but issued under moratorium with acreage and serial numbers in Zota Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------|---------|
| 00000843 | 100 |
| 00000651 | 50 |
| 00000709 | 100 |
| 00000965 | 200 |
| 00000811 | 250 |
| 00000705 | 350 |
| 00000981 | 150 |

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000841 | 100 |
| 00000720 | 50 |
| 00000876 | 400 |
| 00000721 | 400 |
| 00000650 | 100 |
| 00000855 | 200 |
| 00000649 | 200 |
| 00000658 | 300 |
| 00000730 | 150 |
| 00000962 | 2 |
| 00000960 | 50 |
| 00000961 | 350 |
| Total TCS | 19 |
| Total acreage | 6152 |

4. Total number of Tribal Certificates not vetted; with acreage and serial numbers in Zota Clan

| Serial # | Acreage |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 00000839 | 250 |
| 00000816 | 5 |
| 00000752 | 3 |
| 00000963 | 250 |
| 00000964 | 800 |
| 00000977 | 150 |
| 000001007 | 150 |
| 00000620 | 500 |
| 00000684 | 175 |
| 00000903 | 200 |
| 00000861 | 200 |
| Total TCS | 12 |
| Total acreage | 4858 |

Note: Some Tribal Certificates were registered under **Zota Clan** but were vetted in **Gwilapolu clan**. This happened due to the recent political demarcation of **Zota District**.

CONSTRAINTS

The continuous conduct of the tribal certificate inventory and vetting processes were hampered by the following constrains:

- I. **Lack of getting fuel/gas from the Gbarnga Total Filling Station on time**
 - This caused the car and generator to run out of fuel where the field staff some time goes to work late rather than the normal time (8:00 A.m) during the vetting process, to ensure that all recorded TCS are vetted from a particular clan.
 - This also caused serious constrain for TCs owners and holders to be inpatient to wait for the team at the selected site to meet up with the vetting schedule; which causes the team to return from work late rather than the normal working hours.
 - Lack of the replacement of the A3 Scanner sent to head office is also hampering the scanning process of recorded TCS.
 - The absence of the Dell Laptop Adapter cable is also placing strain on the two laptops in use.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the experiences on the field, the below recommendations require immediate attention:

1. Adjustment in the fuel/gas supplies, that at least some of the funds be in cash in order to carryout easy execution of the project.
2. Request that the Laptop Adapter cable be replaced.
3. The A3 Scanner should be replaced.