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FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION ACT (Cap. 40)

EXEMPTION ORDER

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 4(1)(c) of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap.40), I **Bodo Dettke**, Minister for Forestry and Research hereby make this Order –

- 1. That Land referred to in Schedule 1 of this Order is exempted from the provisions of section 4 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap.40) and the provisions of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Protected Species) Regulations 2012 including any subsequent amendments therein.
- 2. That Lands are to be used for Agriculture purposes (Coconut Plantation) shall not exceed 500 hectares and to be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.
- 3. All felling of logs in the specified lands shall comply with the terms and conditions of special permit to be issued by the Commissioner of Forest.
- 4. Logs felled under clause 3 of this Order including any logs that are considered as protected species under Regulation 4 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Protected Species) Regulation 2012, shall be exported and sold in processed form pursuant to the law of Solomon Islands.
- 5. Records of logs felled, exported or sold shall be furnished to the Commissioner of Forest within 14 days of the export or sale of such logs.
- 6. After 90 days of the commencement of the land preparation and sale of logs from the above area, the purpose sought under this Order must be commenced immediately.
- 7. Any person who contravenes any of the clauses in this Order is deemed to have committed an offence under section 4 of the Act, as if the exemption were not granted under this Order.

Made at Honiara this twenty-seventh day of March, 2015.

HON. BODO DETTKE Minister for Forestry and Research

SCHEDULE 1

The land referred to in Clause 1 of this Order is described as –

(a) Mandou Customary Land, Parara Island, Western Province

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