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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 Saqata Land, South East Choiseul, Choiseul Province referred to in 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 Saqata Land is to be used for Agriculture purposes (Coconut Plantation) shall not exceed 1000 hectares and to be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.
- 3. Logs felled and cleared during land preparation period under 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.
- 4. 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.

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 nineteenth day of June, 2015.

HON. BODO DETTKE, MP Minister for Forestry and Research

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