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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 Vunati, Kirigi, Simiu and Tabana Customary Lands of Big Gela, Central Province referred to in this Order are 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 Vunati, Kirigi, Simiu and Tabana Customary lands are to be used for Agriculture purposes (Coconut and Cocoa 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 twenty-sixth day of April, 2015.

HON. BODO DETTKE
Minister for Forestry and Research