

**The Liberia Timber Association's Emergency Meeting**  
**held in the Conference Room at its Headquarters on 12<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2015 @ 2:36PM**  
**Meeting Agenda & Minutes**

<b>Subject:</b>	August 18, 2015 Emergency Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	08/18/15
		<b>Time:</b>	2:36pm – 3:36pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	1) Mr. John M. Baxter - 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President & Acting President 2) Mr. John S. Deah - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President 3) Mr. Augustine B. M. Johnson - Secretary 4) Mrs. Eliza D. J. Kronyanh - Treasurer 5) Mr. Alexander G. Wento, Sr. - Geblo 6) Mr. T-BB Dweh Saybeh - D.C. Wilson 7) Mr. MacDonald Wento - International Capitol Consltants 8) Mrs. Funke Obibunmi - Akewa Group of Companies 9) Mr. Emmanuel Erskine, Jr. - Atlantic Resources Lmt. 10) Mr. Albert S. Kennedy - Euro Logging Liberia Company (ELLC) 11) Mr. E. Ekema A. Witherspoon, I, - Head of Secretariat		
<b>Agenda/Meeting Notes</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Notes/Decisions</b>	
1	Meeting Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by the Presiding and the Acting President, Mr. John M. Baxter, at 2:36pm.	
2	Opening Prayer	Opening prayer was said by the Chaplain, Mr. MacDonald Wento, who read Psalm 24 prior to praying.	
3	Welcome Remarks	The Presiding welcome everyone and regrets for the short notice but stated that the circumstances involved necessitated such.	
4	Adoption of Agenda	The agenda was adopted and used as the working tools for the day.	
5	Reading and adoption of past meeting minutes	Been an emergency meeting, the minutes for the month of July meeting was not read.	
7	Business Session	<p>The Presiding requested that those who have asked for the various topics to be included on the agenda present the issues prior to opening it to the floor for discussion.</p> <p><b>FOB Taxes:</b> Mrs. Obebenme informed the body that even thogh there has been a 50% drop in price of FOB around the world the FOB prices in Liberia is still the same. Mr. Johnson further informed the body that the FOB price currently in use was the one that was approved since 2010. Mr. MacDonald Wento advised that the Secretary of the Association do a letter to the Managing Director of the FDA about the situation using reference of other country and copy of the letter be send to LRA, MOFDP, FDA Board, the President of the Republic of Liberia, the House's Committee on Forestry, as well as the Senate's Committee on Forestry. He also suggested that the letter should be signed by the officials of LTA and representatives of logging companies. These actions were adopted as the official stand of the LTA. It was agreed that this</p>	

		<p>letter be done the next day and deliver to the Managing Director prior to the pending Board's meeting of the FDA in order that it could be discussed during same.</p> <p><b>Port Charges:</b> Mr. Baxter said that there been a increment in charge over the last few months of about 75%. Mr. Deah suggested that a comparison of old and new charges needs to be done. He also mentioned the last meeting of the Association with the President of the Republic of Liberia during which time she instructed those concerned to take the necessary actions in order to address this same situation. Mr. MacDonald Wento suggested that LTA should write FDA &amp; NPA about this situation making reference to last meeting with the President of Liberia. It was also agreed that this letter be done one week after the letter about the FOB.</p>
6	Any Other Business	<p>Mr. Erskine raised the issue of the act establishing the LTA stressing the need for it to be located as soon as possible. The Head of Secretariat in responding said that the Act establishing the LTA hasn't been found as yet even though the Association allocated and used US\$150.00 already behind this. Mr. Deah and Mr. McDonald Wento stated that research was an expensive venture especially one involving find a document that more than forty years old. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that an additional amount of US\$500.00 be given the Secretariat to assist in the locating of the Act.</p> <p>Mr. Kennedy brought up the road condition that the various companies have to operate on and how terrible they are. The body agreed that this is something that need to be addressed but should be taken up after it has dealt with the issues relating to the FOB prices and the Port Chargers.</p>
7	Adjournment and Closing prayer	There being no other matter to claim the attention of the body, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm with a closing prayer offered by the Chaplain, Mr. MacDonald Wento.

Decision Items List	
#	Decisions Reached During the Meeting
1	That a letter be written immediately to the Managing Director of the FDA requesting a revision of the current FOB taxes in use.
2	That all officials of the LTA and members companies will make themselves available on the 19 <sup>th</sup> in order to sign the letter so that it can be delivered before mid-day on the 20 <sup>th</sup> .
3	That within a week after the meeting, a letter be written to the Managing Directors of the FDA and the NPA regarding the Port Chargers.
4	That an additional US\$500.00 be given to the Secretariat to help facilitate the locating of the Act establishing the LTA.

Document Attached To This Minutes	
Attached Document	
1	Agenda of Meeting
2	Meeting's Attendance Sheet
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Recorded and Prepared by,

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**Head of Secretariat**  
**LTA's Technical Secretariat**

Approved and Presented by:

Augustine B. M. Johnson  
**Secretary/Board of Directors**