VRG declares its commitment to FSC Roadmap process

The Vietnam Rubber Group (VRG) has expressed to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) an interest in engaging in a dialogue process to develop and implement a Roadmap with the aim of ending its disassociation with FSC.

FSC disassociated from VRG on August 2015 after complaints panel’s Policy for Association (PfA) investigation determined that our group had been involved in the activities which were not in line with the FSC Policy for Association.

VRG realizes the importance of the issues identified in the complaints panel investigation and declares its intention to correct and mitigate any negative social and environmental impact from these issues.

VRG expresses its commitment to operate in full compliance with the FSC Policy for Association, as well as its willingness to work and collaborate with FSC in a dialogue towards developing and implementing a roadmap to end disassociation.

Moving forward, VRG commits to comply with FSC’s PfA, specifically as follows:

- VRG will not conduct significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- VRG will not carry out Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood of forest products;
- VRG will not violate traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- VRG will not destroy High Conservation Values in forestry operations;
- VRG will not introduce genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;
- VRG will not violate any of the ILO Core Conventions.

While VRG understands that a Roadmap process is not an automatic guarantee towards ending the disassociation, it will nonetheless work with diligence towards this aim.

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