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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JORHAT (ASSAM)

AND

THE FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, HENGBUNG, SENAPATI DISTRICT (MANIPUR)

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1. That this agreement made on First Day of October, 2015 between the Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, herein after called the "RFRI" as the FIRST PARTY and the Foundation for Environment and Economic Development

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Services, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 at Imphal and situated at Hengbung, Senapati district in the state of Manipur, hereinafter called the "FEEDS", the SECOND PARTY.

- 2. That the RFRI has an objective to establish a Demonstration Village as per guidelines of ICFRE to disseminate research outcomes as well as the proven technologies developed by the Council to the user agencies including the farmers.
- 3. That, the RFRI, as the FIRST PARTY:
 - a) Shall plan, undertake, aid, promote and coordinate forestry extension activities including demonstration and training and their application to improve the livelihood of the forest communities.
 - b) Shall prepare for particular activities:
 - i. General information on forestry, forest produce, agro forestry and their allied sciences.
 - ii. Transfer of technology concerning forestry (nursery), plantation, harvesting of forest produce.
 - c) Shall provide seeds, seedlings, planting materials etc. to the farmers through FEEDS, the host institute.
 - d) Shall provide necessary technical support for establishment of forest nurseries.
 - e) Shall consider assistance for organizing workshops, seminars, trainings, exposure visits on forestry related matters etc.
 - f) Shall provide grants for functioning of the Demo Village.
 - g) Shall arrange marketing facilities for the forest produce.
 - h) Shall conduct quarterly assessment of performance of these villages.
 - i) RFRI shall have full right to use and inspect the activities as and when required.
- 4. That, FEEDS, the SECOND PARTY:
 - a) Shall select three villages, collectively called as RFRI DEMO VILLAGE: Hengbung, in the Central, Taphou-Kuki in the North and S. Changoubung in the South and shall carry out a survey.
 - b) Shall approach the village authorities of these villages for allocating an area of land suitable for the implementation of the project.
 - c) Shall select from within the farming communities of these three villages able and active farmers willing to engage themselves in the project on their own interest without seeking any remuneration.

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- d) Shall provide room facilities, electricity, water, fooding, lodging, transportation, communication etc. during the training periods, in the FEEDS campus, or elsewhere according to the budgetary provisions made by the RFRI.
- e) Shall select Forest nursery raisers, collectors of forest produce, artisans of wood, bamboo, & cane, gatherers of wild fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants etc. and assign them to trainings arranged by the RFRI according to the nature of their interest.
- f) Shall avail the expertise of the scientists of KVK and Orchid Research and Development Center, which are also hosted by them, to give technical/scientific assistance to the works in the demo villages.
- g) Shall prepare and send to RFRI a Quarterly report (both physical and financial) of the progress made in these villages.
- 5. The costing of the planting material for distribution shall be done jointly by RFRI & FEEDS.
- 6. That any dispute, differences or questions which may arise between FEEDS and RFRI will be referred to the Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun who will be the sole arbitrator.
- 7. That all legal matters will fall under the territorial jurisdiction of Guwahati High Court.
- 8. The project is essentially collaborative/cooperative/partnership in nature and conduct and any matter that is not covered specifically in this MoU can be settled by mutual discussion.
- 9. The period of operation of this MoU shall be five years from the date of signing this MoU and may be extended by mutual consent of both the parties. At the end of the project, a review on assets shall be done depending on the project achievements and capacity building during the project.
- 10. The RFRI will have the sole right to publish relevant data/materials from the performance of the Demo Village.
- 11. The RFRI can terminate the project, if and when, the conditions of the MoU are not complied with by the FEEDS, without giving any notice.

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signatures on this MoU on the day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED BY

R.S.C. JAYARAT)

FIRSTER अनुसंधार संस्थान Rain Forest Research institute जारहाट (असम)/Jorhat (Assam)

WITNESSES:

(RAJIB KUMAR BORAN)

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SIGNED BY

SECOND PARTY Secretary FEEDS-MANIPUR

WITNESSES:

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Administrative Officer FEEDS. Manipur

Krishi Vigyan Kendra ** Senapati .

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