

Provisional Memorandum of Understanding Incorporating Social Agreement Between **Jarbo (Weteken and Garraway Beach, Garraway Administrative District)** and Golden Veroleum Liberia

April 15, 2014



PROVISIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) INCORPORATING SOCIAL AGREEMENT JARBO (WETEKEN AND GARRAWAY BEACH) (GARRAWAY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT) AND GOLDEN VEROLEUM LIBERIA FINAL VERSION 15TH APRIL 2014



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NOTARY CERTIFICATE

Personally Appeared before me in my O office with the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, this <u>25TH</u> day of MARCH A.D. <u>2015</u> duly qualified and commissioned Notary Public of and in the county of Montserrado and in the Republic aforesaid the Parties to the attached DOCCONERTS:

PROVISIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) INCORPORATING SOCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JARBO (WETEKEN AND GARRAWAY BEACH) (GARRAWAY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT) AND GOLDEN VEROLEUM LIBERIA FINAL VERSON 15TH APRIL, 2014

In My Presence And In The Presence Of Each Other Execute And Sign Their Genuine Signature On The Said Instrument (S) To Person (S) They Represent And That The Same Was Made In My Presence And Declared By Each Of Them To Be Their Own Handwriting (S).

Therefore, I S. PETER DOE.K. PHR Notary Public Aforesaid Have Attached My Official Signature And Notary Seal To Avail When And Where Necessary.

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Jarbo (Weteken and Garraway Beach)

(Garraway Administrative District)

Final Version

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) GRAND KRU COUNTY)

Provisional Memorandum of Understanding Incorporating Social Agreement

THIS Provisional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into this 15/04/2014; between Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc., Republic of Liberia, a Liberian Domestic Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "<u>GVL</u>") represented by its Authorized Signatories, named on below, and the undersigned communities of Jarbo communities Weteken and Garraway Beach, Garraway District of Grand Kru County, Republic of Liberia, (hereinafter referred to as "<u>Community</u>" or "<u>Communities</u>") represented by their Authorized Representatives, named below.

This MOU terms further incorporate the Social Agreement between GVL and the Communities.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on 2 September 2010 GVL was granted rights by the Republic of Liberia under the provisions of a 65-year agricultural concession agreement (the "<u>Concession Agreement</u>") to engage in the development of land for oil palm and the production and sale of palm oil products, and the Concession agreement is by reference included herein;

WHEREAS, the GVL investment is a business venture which additionally brings considerable benefits to communities in terms of jobs, careers, capacity building, infrastructure, and other social and economic benefits, while also implying changes in many matters of lifestyle and activities of Communities.

WHEREAS, the Communities have invited and hereby confirm GVL to develop land in their Community areas (whether held under customary, traditional, communal, tribal, private usage or forest management or other rights, permits, certificates or titles), for GVL plantings and facilities together with a Community Oil Palm program.

WHEREAS, GVL and Communities have agreed to jointly collaborate and through mutually participatory mapping have identified and shall further identify, a minimum of 1872.96 hectares of land for the development of oil palm by GVL and 374.6 additional hectares of land as may be required for the use of the Community (with support from GVL) to establish a Community Oil Palm program. Additionally, 386.10 hectares might be added to the total hectares pending successful RBA studies and boundary conflict resolution between the north and south of the land.

WHEREAS, The Communities have determined or will furthermore determine to their considered satisfaction that such land identification for oil palm purpose still provides for and leaves necessary amount of land for other needs.

WHEREAS, this MOU outlines the process of engagement for future assignment of land for oil palm development, the social, employment and other economic benefits offered by GVL to the Communities, and the Communities' and GVL's approach to resolving grievances should they arise.

WHEREAS, this MOU shall respectfully be registered through the Liberian Legal system and become binding upon the parties hereto, their respective representatives, members, agents, counselors, heirs, successors in office, administrators and assigns, whether past, current or future, as though they were specifically named herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, Communities and GVL parties have agreed as follows:

A) Preferences to be provided by GVL to Communities Citizens

. I . GVL agrees to provide preference and priority to Communities citizens for jobs and employment, training, promotion, college and university scholarships and business opportunities in accordance of **Appendix A**. This does not preclude other Liberians not from Garraway from employment opportunities.

B) Benefits to be provided by GVL to Communities Citizens Employees of GVL

GVL agrees to provide agreed, timely wages, salaries, free housing, free health care, free education and schooling of children in accordance of Appendix B.

C) Benefits to be provided to Communities even if not employed by GVL

GVL will provide USD \$5 per each hectare payments on developed land, repeated every year, to the Community Development Fund, which will be governed with the Communities themselves for development projects; GVL will also construct and rehabilitate roads and bridges; additionally GVL will provide Communities citizens access to GVL schools, university and college scholarships, health care facilities; and GVL will provide business opportunities to Communities entrepreneurs, and GVL will consider the Community for industrial development of an Oil Palm Factory Mill, in accordance of Appendix C.

D) Community Oil Palm Program supported by GVL

GVL will support the Communities in the construction of a Community Oil Palm Project, which will be owned by the Communities and its members. GVL proposes that the Community Oil Palm area will be in ratio of 1 acre to every 5 acres the Communities have assigned to GVL. The program will be offered in accordance to Appendix D and subject to terms, considerations, rules and regulations to be agreed with the Communities and program participants.

E) Development Employment Analysis Based on Available hectares

Employment will be offered by GVL based on various stage of plantation development. Where there are nursery establishment, employment at the nursery will be on short term bases for maximum of three years. Community Oil palm might also provide 20 percent of field jobs when fully implemented. Where possible and practical and where required skills exist locally, GVL will give job preference to employ communities and will try to offer jobs according to community amount of land size offered. Recruitment shall be the sole responsibility of management; all shall be in accordance with Appendix E

F) GVL Commitment to Communities regarding Potential Impacts

GVL will not pursue resettlement of the Community people from their villages or towns. This has always been GVL policy and GVL has never resettled anyone and has not required anyone to do so. GVL commits to adherence to all the affecting laws and regulations of Liberia and to international regulations of RSPO, to good practices, and to partnership with the Communities, in accordance of Appendix F.

G) Communities Commitment to GVL

The Communities commit to adherence to all the affecting laws and regulations of Liberia to good practices, and to partnership with GVL, in accordance of Appendix G.

H) Issue and Grievance Resolution process

Given the long term nature of the partnership, it is possible that disagreements or differences may arise as between community or individual citizens and GVL. The company and community recognized the importance of addressing and resolving any such differences in a friendly and timely way and as such have agreed to the attached Grievance Resolution Process included in Appendix H.

I) Statement of Acknowledgement

As an official endorsement of the agreed lands for development and confirming the detailed participative mapping and FPIC engagement process undertaken by the community and GVL, the community formally attests to and signs the development map, being current at

date 15/4/2014. The community acknowledges and affirms that it may wish to enter into future negotiations for transfer of additional lands, and that updated maps will be appended to and become part of this social agreement. The formal endorsement is contained in Appendix I and is an integral part of this MOU.

J) Documents of Reference

GVL and the Communities hereby acknowledge incorporation into this MOU of the reference documents listed in accordance of Appendix J.

This PROVISIONAL MOU shall remain in force until final MOU / Social Agreement is signed - with mutual intent to do so within 6 months or maximum of 12 months. The final MOU will include the same terms and any changes or additions as mutually agreed by the parties. By signing this Provisional MOU, the communities authorize GVL to start operations and land development in the areas referred to on the attached map of Jarbo Weteken and Garraway Beach. The Final MOU will endure for the life of the Concession Agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties hereto.

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Signed:

For Communities

(Authorized Self-Chosen Representatives)

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Siebo	James J. Sieh	KANS
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WETEKEN QUARTER CHIEFS OR REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE ATTESTATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

(Government Authorized Representation at District, County, & National level)

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NAME	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Hon Steve T. Natt	Township Commissioner	< what
Hon Jacob Nyemah	Paramount Chief	Car
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APPENDIX A

Preferences GVL Will Provide to Communities Citizens

- 1. Preference and priority for jobs in the Communities areas
- 2. Adult literacy and numeracy education for workers
- Technical training opportunity for advancement to qualified jobs and management in Community area and elsewhere in GVL business
- 4. Preference for GVLs college and university scholarships is given to qualified students
- 5. Preference for trainee Cadetships towards management jobs
- 6. Preference for contracting and supply entrepreneurship

The above preferences and priorities are given in each GVL MOU area to their own citizens of good reputation who have the willingness and qualifications for the opportunities, and also in other GVL areas, so that GVL MOU area citizens may cross-work in any GVL areas on equal basis.

Preference and priority means that in any starting and new jobs or business opportunity will first be given to citizens. But existing employees, trainees, students, cadets or vendors will not be fired to accommodate new entrants.

Benefits GVL Will Provide to Communities Citizens Who Become Employees

1. Employment and wages and other

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- a. Priority and preference for jobs and training opportunity is provided to communities that designate planting land for GVL
- Wages and salaries meet Liberian Laws and Regulations and Minimum Wage rulings, as well as Terms and Conditions of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the workers union GOVAWUL.
- c. Currently, GVL includes
 - i. 50kg bag of rice per employee each month,
 - ii. annual paid vacation,
 - iii. maternity leave
 - iv. bereavement payment and
 - v. National Social Security and Welfare Corp (NASSCORP) contributions
- d. Qualified staff can receive a subsidized motorcycle without down payment

2. Training and advancement:

- a. Provide skill training to employees of the company.
- b. This includes
 - i. on-the-job training,
 - ii. head gang and supervisor training
 - iii. and cadet/management development for qualified candidates, as well as
 - iv. international secondment for qualified candidates (e.g., learning modern mill engineering methods);
 - v. vocational training (for instance, heavy equipment operator certified training, and skills in mechanic and construction trades)
- c. Employees with good skills and willingness and ability to advance and manage parts of the business will be encouraged and GVL wishes to create and build management and technical support capabilities deriving from the Communities

3. Education of employee children:

- a. GVL will build schools in GVL farm townships starting at kindergarten and primary school and up to high school
- b. Schooling is free for children dependents of employees
- c. GVL will pay for teachers, maintenance of schools and study items

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- d. GVL offers schooling in adult literacy and numeracy for enrolled employees and for ability to be promoted
- e. University scholarships application will be available to qualified employee children from the USD \$100,000 in annual scholarships to agriculture students.

4. Healthcare and clinics:

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- a. GVL will provide employees and dependents health care and medical treatment free-ofcharge.
- b. Health clinics will be constructed, equipped and staffed by health care personnel and nurses
- c. GVL will pay the health care staff

5. Housing and facilities:

- a. GVL will provide modern style free-of-charge family and bachelor housing within the developed area for full-time employees and their dependents that wish to live there
- b. Housing will have
 - i. free electric power,
 - ii. running piped water and
 - iii. toilet bathrooms,
 - iv. as well as kitchens
 - v. The housing will be built in temporary form starting in year 2, and permanent houses starting in year 4 of a new GVL farm areas
- c. GVL farm townships will have
 - i. Market place
 - ii. House of Worship (church or prayer hall)
 - iii. Sport field
 - iv. Normally we build these community buildings during year 2-3 of a new GVL farm area

Benefits GVL Will Provide to Communities and to Citizens Whether Employed or Not

1. Employment priority at GVL

a. Priority and preference in jobs and training opportunity is provided to communities that designate planting land for GVL, with evaluation and determination of their qualifications and suitability for employment.

2. Community Development Fund payments and usage

- a. The community development fund will be used to pay for additional facilities, in addition to what is mentioned herein, over the whole life of the GVL concession, and payments will be repeated every year
- b. GVL will each year pay USD \$5 each hectare (equivalent to US\$2.08 each acre) of developed land into a Community Development Fund.
- c. This fund will be used to build infrastructure and other facilities of prudent selection and planning
- d. GVL will carry out the needs and planning survey with the Communities at the beginning, and this will be repeated from time to time to guide planning
- e. The fund will be governed by representatives from both community and company, where the GVL representatives participation is to assure that the fund will be used for prudent community purposes
- f. GVL and community will work to establish this fund during the first year of field planting
- 3. Education access to GVL schooling
 - a. Community citizens will have access to study at GVL schools from primary school up to high school, but priority will be given to employees dependents
 - b. GVL offers schooling in adult literacy and numeracy for community citizens
 - c. University scholarships application will be available to qualified citizen's children from the USD \$100,000 in annual scholarships to agriculture students.
 - d. In allocating the scholarships, GVL will work prioritize students originating from the Communities in proportion to the land areas being allocated, and this will b monitored annually together with the Communities

4. Healthcare and clinics access

 GVL will provide community citizen's access to GVL health care and medical facilities subject to availability and minimum at cost, but priority will be given to employees and dependents

5. Roads and bridges:

- a. GVL will build and improve road and bridge infrastructure as part of its GVL farm operations.
- b. This will provide repairs to roads to the direct benefit of communities.

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6. Wells and pumps:

- a. GVL will build wells for communities where needed to avoid disturbance to clean water supply from the Oil Palm development
- b. Wells will be equipped with hand pumps where towns have over 150 citizens.

7. Local Business

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- a. GVL provides opportunities for local business and entrepreneurs, beginning with offering market areas in GVL farms so communities can sell to employees and for fully localizable trades such as
 - i. construction,
 - ii. lumber and carpentry works,
 - iii. brick making,
 - iv. furniture making and
 - v. garment making,
 - vi. poultry farming,
 - vii. and all types of service and trade activities.
- b. GVL will give preference to these locally sourced businesses
- c. Also indirectly, by creating real economic development and people with jobs and money to buy goods and services, GVL's presence can help bring in business and services such as cell phone services and more products may become locally available

8. Consideration for Oil Palm Factory Mill

- a. GVL will consider the Communities for build manufacturing mills locally in connection to some of its farms and in some communities.
- b. The location will depend on many technical factors including how much land is planted nearby.
- c. Typically a group of big farms will have a central factory, which provides further manufacturing, technical, transport and administrative jobs.
- d. In addition to processed palm oil, the factories side products are used as fertilizer.
- e. The decision of where and when to build is typically decided 1-2 years after first field planting is completed. Normally a new mill takes 2-3 years to build.

Community Oil Palm Programme Supported By GVL

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- a. Every community is encouraged to designate proper, proportionate and regulated land area for assisted community farms (also known as supported out-grower farms).
- b. GVL proposes that the Community Oil Palm area will be in ratio of 1 acre to every 5 acres the Communities have assigned to GVL.
- c. GVL will provide training, advisory and will supply seedlings, tools and fertilizers at cost and free of import duties.
- d. GVL will guarantee to purchase the fruits at regulated and transparent prices for processing at the established factories.
- e. The Community Oil Palm program normally starts in year 3 of development, as at that time the community has gained experience from participation in GVL development.
- f. The Community Oil Palm program is formulated in separate plan which when initialled and signed are attached to this MOU as integral parts

2. Oil Palm Development Fund

- a. Each year GVL will pay 1/2% of annual sales of oil palm products into an Oil Palm Development Fund.
- b. The proceeds will be used by Government to support and promote community and smallholder oil Palm development in addition to the Community Oil Palm, so communities can request funding for local oil palm projects

DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT BASED ANALYSIS ON AVAILABLE HECTARES

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CATEGORY	WETEKEN	GARRAWAY BEACH	TOTALS
Male	352	539	891
Female	225	555	780
> Children 18	507	1694	2201
Totals	1084	2788	3872
Adults	577	1094	
Elders > 60	15%	15%	
Elders Number	87	164	
Ha Ratio to Employment 1:6			6
Allocated GVL land			1874
GVL Allocated land Jobs			312
Total Direct Plantations Jobs			312

Plantation Employment Intake	Ha	No of Workers		Added Workers
	1		6	6
	300		50	44
	500		83	33
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GVL Commitment to Communities and Citizens Regarding Potential Impacts

1. Land Negotiations and No Resettlement

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- a. GVL will not pursue resettlement of the Community people from their villages or towns. This has always been GVL policy and GVL has never resettled anyone and has not required anyone to do so.
- b. As a member of the RSPO, and responsible investor in Liberia, GVL follows a strict process of conducting environmental assessments and intensive social engagement as part of the process of obtaining land for oil palm development to ensure the community gives its Free Prior & Informed Consent (FPIC) for any hand over of land for development this is done before starting any development in an area. As part of this, Communities and GVL have a signed MOU from the beginning of engagement ("FPIC engagement Agreement", signed at start of mutual engagement).
- c. This FPIC engagement process will be an ongoing process subject to community desire and willingness to offer additional areas for development
- 2. Adhere to all Liberian Laws and Regulations
 - a. GVL agrees to adhere to and observe applicable Liberian Laws and regulations.
 - b. GVL will adhere to the Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia, the New Forestry Reform Law of 2006 or any other law or regulation of Liberia, regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Forestry Development Authority and the principles of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

3. Respect for Community culture and sacred values

- a. GVL has and shall make every effort to identify with community participation and clearly enclave/ avoid damage to any of the following during the land preparation process, as specified in our agreed and completed FPIC and participatory mapping processes.
 - i. Community's protected areas, including cemeteries, shrines, sacred forests, special forest collection areas (e.g., for special medicines)
 - ii. old towns community wishes to preserve
 - iii. other agreed cultural or economic items that are identified by community as important to its well being
- b. GVL and Community acknowledge that given the history of Liberia, and the movement over the past 30 years of citizens away from community areas, it is possible that some of these sites may be difficult for community members to identify. The communities commit to address and resolve any such mistakes internally before discussing with GVL

4. Compensation for active farms:

a. Before any agreement to convert active farms to GVL farms, GVL and individual farmers will carry out field survey and crop count. If there is agreement by farmer and GVL to convert farm, compensation will be at a rate set by the Ministry of Agriculture or other rates as may be agreed from time to time If agreed, compensation will be made in open forum with witnesses and decision is final and binding on both company and farmer.

Community Commitment to GVL

- 1. Allow GVL safe and undisturbed use of agreed GVL farm areas:

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- 2. Mutual collaboration to resolve any emerging crises (see more on grievances)
 - Participate in activities that protect High Conservation Values (HCVs) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) sites identified and demarcated within its farm areas
 - 4. Help GVL maintain the quality of the water bodies by not use chemical and explosives for fishing purposed and disposal of waste & feces within the concession areas.
 - 5. Collaborate with GVL to stop illicit drugs sale in communities within it GVL concession areas.
 - 6. Assist protect the investment from thieves, sabotage and any illegal activities and respect the private property of GVL
 - 7. Work with GVL to protect wildlife by helping to decide non-approved hunting and then enforce zero tolerance in the farm areas.
 - 8. Assist GVL to maintain the zero tolerance on burning in it concession areas.
 - 9. Assist in sharing factual information about the GVL operations of GVL.
 - 10. Fully participate in awareness and sensitizing activities about the GVL oil palm project.
 - 11. Actively engage to monitor & evaluate activities of the GVL oil palm project.

Issue and Grievance Resolution Process

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- I. GVL and communities agree to implement the Grievances and Complaints Standard Operating procedure (SOP) shown hereunder. This SOP may be continually improved and amended from time to time GVL and community agree to resolve issues, concerns, grievances and conflicts resulting from the GVL operations or activities deriving from community that has negative impact on either.
- The parties agreed that reporting of grievance/ complaint by community's member can be made to either GVL or community representatives in written or verbally and any party who receives a complaint or grievance reports it to the GVL Social Sustainability department or to a GVL manager within two days.
- Each report shall be duly recorded by GVL and made available to the reporter as well as to the joint monitoring team.
- 4. After the complaint has been received, field investigation should be carried out by GVL, Community representatives and the complainant to verify the complaint.
- 5. The parties agreed that after the field investigation, a meeting should be called comprising of GVL, community representative and the aggrieved party to agree on actions to address the complaint and the complainant should have the right to say "YES" or "NO" to the decision reached.
- 6. If the complainant agrees to the decision reached, GVL will within 10 working days after the decision submit action plan to address the complaint as per the decision reached. The action plan to be presented by GVL will be used by the joint community representatives, GVL and the complainant team to monitor progress of the work by GVL.
- 7. On the other hand GVL and community representative agreed that, if the complainant disagreed to the suggested actions to address the complaint by GVL and community representatives, the complainant will be asked to go to court if he so wish for redress. At this level, GVL and the community representative will work together as a team to fight the case in court.

Statement of Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Land Grant by the Communities to Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc

We, the tribal/local people, chiefs, elders, women, and youths of the communities of Jarbo, Garraway District, Grand Kru County, Republic of Liberia, do hereby freely, voluntarily, without the use of force or threat, neither by the Government of Liberia, nor GVL, do hereby consent to, and accept the grant of land made by this community as evidenced by the maps attached to this Statement for the purpose stated in the Concession Agreement between the Government of Liberia and the Concessionaire to wit: for the Concessionaire to undertake a large scale commercial grade oil palm plantation in Liberia, together with the related infrastructure to process and market certain oil palm products, including biofuel and biodiesel, for the duration of the Concessionaire's Concession Agreement with the Government of Liberia or any extension of the same.

That the decision made by us, the tribal/local people, chiefs, elders, women, and youths of Jarbo (Weteteken and Garraway Beach) of Garraway Adminstrative District, Grand Kru County, to consent to, and accept the grant of land to GVL, is an informed decision based on prior consultations held with GVL and our understanding and appreciation of the purpose to which the minimum $\frac{4626 \cdot 21}{21}$ acres of land will be committed and the ancillary and/or derivative social benefits that are expected to accrue to us, the tribal/local people, chiefs, elders, women, and youths of the communities of Jarbo, Garraway District, Grand Kru County, from the operation of the Concessionaire in the District.

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Documents Included by Reference in This MOU and Made Available and Exchanged

- a. GVL Concession Agreement
- b. RSPO Principles and Criteria (2013). Note that GVL membership details are:
 - Membership Number: 1-0102-11-000-00
 - Member Since: 29/08/2011
 - Membership Type: Ordinary Member
 - Category: Oil Palm Growers
- c. GVL Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and support forms for
 - i. FPIC and compensations
 - ii. Grievances
- d. Signed and endorsed maps of Communities areas including already agreed areas for GVL, confirmed community areas
- e. Community Oil Palm program draft proposal, draft and final plans and documents (Reference full details in APPENDIX D above)





Working in the Liberian Southeast, we aspire to be among the best Oil Palm developers in the global industry. We stand to be measured on our eight key values.

- 1. Successful investing, meeting the expectations of investors and funders
- **2.** Ending rural poverty and bringing the beginnings of long term prosperity, education and health to communities where we develop
- **3.** Preserving the natural environment, helping conserve flora, fauna, water and carbon in Liberia
- **4.** Respecting community self-determination, sovereignty, culture and traditions of our hosts, through free, prior and informed choice of communities to work with us and preserving their sacred heritage
- **5.** Developing the skills and careers of our Liberian employees and suppliers, especially of the people originating from our partner communities
- **6.** Practicing the best methods of legal compliance, regulatory adherence, procedures and Oil Palm agriculture, founded on highly developed skills, systems and attitudes
- 7. Building value added, helping the country of Liberia escape a traditional role as a supplier of cheap raw materials
- **8.** Continuing improvement and betterment in what we do, with engagement of credible organizations who share all or same of these objectives, whether partnering with us, challenging us, or critical of us.

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