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Board Resolution



Chairman Fernando A. Lu



President Antonio C. Olizon

The Board of Directors of the
Philippine Wood Producers Association,
by unanimous concurrence, submits herewith the Statement
and Annual Report of the Chairman of the Board of
Directors and the President of the Association as its
Report to the Members of the Association
for the year ended December 31, 2008.

FERNANDO A. LU

Chairman

ANTONIOC. OLIZON

President

THE WOOD-BASED INDUSTRY IN REVIEW GLOBAL OVERVIEW 1

ECONOMIC TRENDS

In 2008, the world economy entered a major downturn. The subprime mortgage problem, that unfolded in 2007 in the US, developed into a global financial crisis so much so that by October 2008 it had transformed into a global economic crisis with no immediate end.

The International Monetary Fund had estimated that the world output (real GDP) had slowed down substantially to 3.4% in 2008 and in its new assessment, it projected real GDP to contract by -0.5 to -1.0% in 2009 but with prospects for recovery before mid-2010.

The global economic crisis has been characterized by major imbalances in the world's financial, housing and commodity markets, declining business and consumer confidence, and uncertainty regarding the financial and economic outlook.

The global economic crisis has caused inflation rates to rise - pushed up by the surge in fuel and food prices - and sharp currency movements.

Housing starts and construction activities weakened in 2008 in the US, EU, Japan and China.

Year-on-year growth in world trade volume (exports plus imports) slowed to 4.1% in 2008 and is forecast to shrink to −11% in 2009, the largest one-year decline in trade since WW II.

Tropical Timber Production and Trade

Production of tropical logs by ITTO member countries in 2008 remained virtually unchanged from the preceding year's, at 144 million cu m. However, the estimate might not have captured significant production curtailment and plant closures in many major producing countries.

In ITTO log producing regions, except Africa, the rate of domestic conversion to primary and/or semi-processed wood products continued: Latin America at 99% in 2006-2008 and Asia-Pacific, close to 90% in 2007, reflecting increasing domestic demand for wood products or emphasizing exports of value-added wood products.

Production of lumber might have risen marginally at about 44.5 million cu m in 2008, mostly in Latin America. Production of tropical veneer has been cyclical over the last 4 years, nearly 4 million cu m in 2008. Production of tropical ply-

wood has been steadily falling since 2003 - although its production in 2008 remained unchanged from 2007's, at 13.5 million cu m - caused by rising production costs (logs, glue, energy and labor), including competition from coniferous plywood and shrinking market.

The picture of declining log exports as against increasing primary wood product exports from total log production is seen in Table 1.

		THE TAXABLE PROCESS OF COMME	ary Wood, 200 ood equivalent	
Region	Log Pro- duction	Log Exports	Primary Products Exports	Total Export
Africa	18.0	3.5	4.2	7.7
Asia- Pacific	88.9	9.0	31.4	40.4
Latin America	31.7	0.4	5.8	6.2
Total	138.6	12.9	41.4	54.3
% share of Asia- Pacific	64	70	76	74

Major country players in the production, exports and imports of tropical logs, sawnwood, veneer and plywood as well as their major trade flows may be appreciated on pages 31 and 32 in the herein Souvenir Supplement: In the Know.

Prices

Prices for many tropical logs and primary timber products have remained relatively strong until mid-2008, before declining as the effects of the global economic crisis took hold in major tropical wood product markets.

The increase in prices of most tropical timber products was triggered by shortages in supply, rising ocean freight rates and/or taxes and similar levies; enforcement measures against illegal logging; and restrictions on log exports and reduced logging quota.

However, such upward price trends were negated by the worsening conditions in major markets that dropped sharply the prices due to weakened demand. Also, exporters had been disadvantaged by the strengthening of their currencies which had undermined export competitiveness. In the case of tropical plywood, its price was further eroded by the increasing supply of coniferous plywood and cheaper Chinese combi-plywood.

Source: International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) Annual Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2008.

LOCAL OVERVIEW

ECONOMIC TRENDS

From an exceptionally high GDP growth of 7.2% attained in 2007, the local economy shrank to 3.8% in 2008, having been affected by the global financial meltdown that morphed into the global economic crisis.

Unlike most developed countries that started to experience economic recession in 2008, the Philippines escaped it because of its sound macro-economic fundamentals and the continuous inflow of OCW remittances.

However, it continued to be burdened by a high budget deficit caused by shortfalls in tax collection and the servicing of huge debt. Also, the inflow of foreign direct investment has been slowed down by an unpredictable policy climate.

THE WOOD-BASED INDUSTRY

The local wood industry did not escape the impact of the global economic crisis that began to manifest itself by the end-half of 2008.

As the government statistics showed, there was a palpable slowdown of the wood industry activities resulting to its somewhat slightly negative albeit flat overall performance. Some wood processing mills either cut production down or closed operations entirely as the local market demand for wood products weakened.

Notwithstanding such passive performance, the total value of trade (imports + exports) attained an 11% gain on a year-to-year basis (US\$975 million in 2007 and US\$1,080 million in 2008).

Log Supply and Consumption

The net volume of supply or apparent domestic consumption (ADC) of logs in 2008 was 26% less than the previous year's availability (Table 2).

Table 2 - Log Supply, in 1000 cu m						
Source	2007	2008p	% Change			
Local	803	732	-9			
Import	101	146	44			
Export	< 1	<1	0			
ADC	904	878	-26			
% Import from ADC	11	17	6			

Source: 2007 Philippine Porestry Statistics. DENR/Porest Management Bureau (PMB) 2008 statistical data per communication with the DENR/PMB as above interpreted by PWPA.

Note: ADC means Apparent Domestic Consumption.

p means preliminary data

Aside the economic crisis that weakened demand, accounting for the low supply of legally-sourced logs was the delay in the conversion into industrial forest management agreements of timber license agreements that many expired in 2007. A 44% increase in log imports compensated for the shortage of the locally produced logs.

As before, close to 85% of the volume of the locally-sourced logs has come from planted trees, 75% of the volume being supplied mostly by small-holder tree farmers in the CARAGA Region, Regions 6 (Panay), 10 (Northern Mindanao) and 11 (Southern Mindanao).

Of total local log production, falcata (<u>Paraserianthes falcataria</u>) accounted for in excess of 40%; yemane (<u>Gmelina arborea</u>), about 15%; mangium (<u>Acacia mangium</u>) and South American mahogany (<u>Sweitenia spp</u>), about 15% - all planted tree species; and lauans (mostly <u>Shorea spp</u>), 5%.

As to use, quality logs from plantation and natural forests are mostly for the manufacture of veneer and plywood.

Wood Products Supply and Consumption

The net volume of supply, or ADC, of primary wood products declined by 16% relative to that the year before (Table 3).

Table 3 - Primary Wood Products Supply, in 1000 cu m				
Source	2007	2008p	% Change	
Local	767	683	-11	
Import	257	219	-15	
Export	253	257	2	
ADC	771	645	-16	
% Import from ADC	33	34	1	

Source: ibid.

Note: Primary wood products refer to lumber (in the case of export, exclude raw/rough form derived from local naturally-grown timbers), veneer and plywood only.

The local production of lumber stayed at almost the same level of volume as in 2007 while those of veneer and plywood appreciably declined by as much as 20%.

On a year-to-year volume basis, the imports of veneer and plywood went down by 15% while their exports did not improve as much.

On a year-to-year volume basis, the ADC of lumber, veneer and plywood slowed down to almost 50,000 cu m (-15%), 30,000 cu m (-20%), and almost 50,000 cu m (-15%), respectively.

Details of the above maybe appreciated in the Comparative Statistical Highlights found at the end of this Report.

Wood Products Markets and Trade

The preliminary ADC of primary wood products was 648,000 cu m, 16% less than that in 2007, of which 34% was import component. Domestic producers do not have a strong influence on pricing due to the availability of cheaper products from illegally-sourced logs, as the NSCB Producers Price Index (PPI) indicates falling prices.

Year	2005	2006	2007	May 2008
PPI (1994 =100)	102.7	110.4	105.5	98.3
% Growth	5.4	7.5	-4.4	-6.8

The 2007-2008 values of exports of logs and wood products are indicated in Table 4.

Table 4 - Value of Wood Exports and Imports, in 1000 US\$					
Source	2007	2008p	% Change		
Exports, fob					
Logs	12	39	225		
Primary wood products	32,985	32,841	< 1		
Secondary wood products	765,657	918,241	20		
Total	798,654	951,121	19		
Imports, cif					
Logs	23,941	18,543	-23		
Primary wood products	141,692	99,946	-30		
Secondary wood products	10,881	13,200	21		
Total	176,514	131,689	25		
Total Values of Trade	1,069,770	1,082,810	11		

Source: ibid.

Note: Secondary wood products refer to other wood-based manufactured articles only. Total values of trade refers to the sum of values of exports and imports.

The values of trade (exports + imports) improved by 11% compared to the previous year's.

In terms of export values, the main markets, in descending order, for lumber have been the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, USA and Japan; veneer, Australia, Japan, and USA; plywood, Japan and Singapore; and manufactured woodbased articles, Japan principally and USA.

In terms of import values, the Philippines' main sources, in descending order, of logs have been Solomon Islands, PNG, USA, and Canada; lumber, Canada, USA, Germany, and Malaysia; veneer, Sarawak, USA, People's Republic of China, and Malaysia; plywood, Malaysia and Sarawak; and particle/fiberboard, Malaysia and USA.

THE ASSOCIATION

ISSUES FACED

Coping with the global economic crisis, that not insignificantly weakened demand for wood products, and by extension slowed down the production and depressed the prices of wood products, was the singular important issue the wood industry faced in 2008 and, perhaps, would be facing in the coming year.

The inadequacy of log supply, the uncontrolled illegal logging, the increasing cost of production, and the unpredictable policy environment, perforce, have been the repeating issues faced by the wood industry.

Inadequacy of log supply. The inadequacy of the supply of logs was caused by the thinned number of forest license holders who were able to operate in 2008 and by the high prices of logs.

The opportunity to increase the supply of logs was lost due to the delay in the conversion of a number of expiring Timber License Agreements into Industrial Forest Management Agreements (IFMAs). Obtaining the free and prior informed consent (FPIC) through the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples was tedious. The FPIC is a condition to the grant of the IFMAs by the DENR.

The hike in prices of logs in the global market up to mid-2008 was due to its declining availability and increasing demand. Huge log demand by China and India increased prices that subsequently dipped. Local prices of quality logs similarly followed the global trends.

Illegal logging. Rampant illegal logging in the untenured forest areas seems beyond the control of the government. It lacks financial and human resources to protect the forest.

Illegal logging not only destroys the forest but it has its effect on depressing prices of wood products as they are sold much cheaper than those legitimately produced.

High costs of production. The increasing cost of production has weighed heavily on the wood producers. Prices of logs, fuel and power in particular have escalated that made costly the production of wood products like plywood.

The use of cheaper small-diameter logs as raw materials and wood wastes as fuel could only knick a fraction off the total production costs.

Unpredictable policy climate. The Association has been clamoring for the passage of the Sustainable Forest Management Act that will, among others, put order in the management of the forest

resources and rationalize the wood-based industry. However, it remains unacted by Congress.

In the absence of a new law, the wood industry continues to be directed by the government's oftchanging policies, rules and regulations. This situation obviously does not auger well for developing long-term investment, production and marketing plans by wood-based companies.

SALIENT EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The year in review ended with the Association holding its 57th Annual Assembly of Members on November 7, 2009 at Manila Golf and Country Club. DENR Secretary Jose Atienza, Jr. was the guest of honor while Isabela Governor Grace Padaca was the recipient of the PWPA's prestigious Molawin Award.

In the Wood Industry

During the year in review, the House of Represen-Committee on Natural Resources approved the bill entitled Sustainable Forest Management Act (SFMA) and referred it to the Committees on Ways and Means and Finance for further action. The Senate's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, jointly with other concerned committees, approved its counterpart bill subject to its refinement by the Technical Working Group (TWG). The PWPA participated very actively in the public hearings of the committees of both houses of Congress and in the work of the Senate's TWG.

EO 318, signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo as an alternative measure to SFMA, failed to have its implementing rules and regulations (IRRs) approved by DENR Secretaries Elisea Gozun, Michael Defensor and Angelo Reyes.

Notwithstanding the urging of the PWPA, the approval of the IRRs of EO 318 and the consideration of the PWPA-proposed Philippine Timber Industry Board (similar to Malaysia's MTIB) as endorsed by Secretary Reves to the Office of the President, did not merit the attention of incumbent DENR Secretary Jose Atienza, Jr.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue implemented its Regulation No. 2007-13 (paying 12% of forest charges as advance VAT on harvested timber) ignoring to resolve the issues previously raised by the PWPA and the DENR.

The Association's inputs to the DENR/NCR-led consultations on the rationalization of the wood processing and curtailment of the entry of illegally-sourced wood products into Metro Manila and the DENR-initiated consultation on the standardization of lumber were favorably considered. Meantime, the transfer of the NCIP from the DAR

to the DENR and back to Malacañang added tediousness to obtaining FPIC. However, the dialogue between PWPA and NCIP Commissioner Eugenio Insigne had a thawing effect, as it were, on the uneasy relationship that before existed.

In Environment and CSR

The Association rejoiced at the creation of the "Green Courts" under the Supreme Court. The said courts are meant to expedite the trials of environmental culprits, including illegal logging, the bane of the wood industry.

The PWPA continued to strengthen its strategic partnership with the DENR and the leading responsible NGOs of the country. In almost all their flagship projects, the PWPA actively participated in; e.g., the DENR-led National Flag Day, DENR's programs on Resource-based Enterprises and P2 Billion Upland Development; the DOE's Energy Summit and Program SWITCH; and the NGO-led annual Environment Day.

The PWPA added more flesh, as it were, to its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs by expanding its Program: Green Philippines. It applied for, and was awarded, an IFMA for a 500hectare area of forestland in Morong, Bataan. The demonstration forest project, being within Ancestral Domains, was accepted and given the FPIC by the local indigenous community. The PWPA continued to manage the joint DENR-BuCor/DOJ-PWPA two-hectare tree seedling nursery in Muntinlupa City that has become the source of planting materials for Metro Manila.

For extending their sincere best efforts assistance to the Association and the wood industry in a period of global and national economic uncertainties, in behalf of the directors of the Board and officers of the Association, we thank wholeheartedly all our members.

Comparative Statistical Highlights

WOOD INDUSTRY INFORMATION

RESOURCES

	2007	2008р	Percentage Change
TLA in existence, number<1	11	5	-54.55
Annual allowable cut, 1000 cu m ^{<2}	144	66	-54.17
Forest area under TLAs, 1000 ha	496	301	-39.31
IFMAs in existence, number	148	146	-1.35
Forest area under IFMA, 1000 ha	809	767	-5.19

PRODUCTION (Volume in 1000 cum)

	2007	2008р	Percentage Change
Logs ^{<3}	803	732	-8.84
Lumber	362	358	-1.10
Plywood<4	281	235	-16.37
Veneer	124	90	-27.42

EXPORTS (Volume in 1000 cum or as specified; Value in 1000 US\$, FOB)

	2007		2008р		Percentage Change	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Logs ^{<5}	<1	12	<1	39		225
Lumber ^{<6}	208	14,342	214	11,602	2.88	(19)
Plywood	38	14,810	39	19,236	2.63	30
Veneer	7	3,833	4	2,003	-42.86	(48)
Other wood-based manufactured articles (1000 gross kilo)	274,430	765,657	294,068	918,241	7.16	20
Furniture of wood (1000 gross kilo)	29,062	91,604				

IMPORTS (Volume in 1000 cum or as specified; Value in 1000 US\$, CIF)

	200	97	200	Вр	Percentag	e Change
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Logs	101	23,941	146	18,543	44.55	(23)
Lumber	174	90,703	135	52,019	-22.41	(43)
Plywood	58	41,501	57	38,662	-1.72	(7)
Veneer	25	9,488	27	9,265	8.00	(2)
Other wood-based manufactured articles (1000 gross kilo)	12,280	10,881	15,818	13,200	28.81	21

Source: Per communication with Forest Management Bureau/DENR, p-preliminary as of July 21, 2009

- <1 Most TLAs are in the process of conversion into IFMAs.</p>
 <4 Industry figures somewhat higher than indicated.</p>
- <2 AAC of TLAs with approved AOPs only.</p>
- <5 Forest plantation logs only, natural forest logs not allowed for export.</p>
- <3 Natural forest and plantation forest logs, mostly of the latter. <6 Finished lumber only, raw lumber not allowed for export.</p>

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

	2007	2008	Percentage Change
Regular Members	55	55	2
Associate Members	781	812	3.97
Revenues	P 7,476,562	6,944,734	-7.11
Expenses	P 8,466,643	6,277,609	-25.85
Assets	P 1,914,860	2,399,553	25.31

Financial Statement



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors Philippine Wood Producers Association, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Philippine Wood Producers Association, Inc. (a nonstock, non-profit corporation), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities and members' equity as at December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the statements of revenues and expenses, statements of changes in members' equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines applicable to a non-publicly accountable entity as described in Note 2 to the financial statements. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and members' equity of Philippine Wood Producers Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its revenues and expenses and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines for non-publicly accountable entities as described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

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April 7, 2009



Financial Statement

PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(A Nonstock, Non-profit Corporation)

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

	December 31	
	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	₽557,204	₽736,091
Receivables - net (Note 3)	1,652,270	984,633
Total Current Assets	2,209,474	1,720,724
Noncurrent Assets		
Property and equipment - net (Note 4)	60,422	101,579
Input tax and other noncurrent assets	129,657	92,557
Total Noncurrent Assets	190,079	194,136
TOTAL ASSETS	₽2,399,553	₱1,914,860
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		•
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY Current Liabilities		•
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Current Liabilities Payables and accrued liabilities (Note 5) Noncurrent liability	₽402,714	
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Current Liabilities Payables and accrued liabilities (Note 5) Noncurrent liability Retirement benefits liability (Note 6)	863,463	624,37

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2008	₽1,133,376		
Excess of revenues over expenses	667,125		
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2007	466,251		
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(990,081)		
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2006	₽1,456,332		

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	Years Ended December 31	
	2008	2007
REVENUES		
Membership and assessment dues	₽5,298,413	₽4,443,949
Donations and contributions	1,255,170	1,364,246
Registration and entrance fees	143,100	620,000
Special assessment dues	8,534	198,916
Interest	2,023	3,121
Affiliation refund	· –	425,000
Others	237,494	421,330
Others	6,944,734	7,476,562
EXPENSES		
Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	1,169,448	1,405,207
Outside services	613,410	599,500
Rent, light and water	541,415	552,714
Donations and gifts	538,654	947,655
Transportation and travel	477,287	891,184
Meetings and conferences	439,599	494,881
Public relations and information	386,316	430,885
Representation and entertainment	350,414	526,903
Retirement benefits costs (Note 6)	239,092	212,391
Telephone, telegram and postage	235,009	242,816
Provision for doubtful accounts (Note 3)	205,220	707,940
Office supplies	171,389	317,855
Insurance	125,236	134,623
Subscription and publication	59,979	84,067
Repairs and maintenance	59,008	96,901
Depreciation (Note 4)	47,907	53,081
Taxes and licenses	46,033	34,115
Others	572,193	733,925
	6,277,609	8,466,643
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	₽667,125	(P 990,081)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31	
	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	₽667,125	(₱990,081)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation (Note 4)	47,907	53,081
Interest income	(2,023)	(3,121)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain) - net	(8,761)	22,735
Provision for retirement benefits costs	239,092	212,391
Provision for doubtful accounts	205,220	707,940
Loss on write-off of property and equipment	1,750	-
Operating income before working capital changes	1,510,310	2,945
Increase in:		
Receivables	(872,857)	(404,004)
Other noncurrent assets	(37,100)	(20,731)
Increase (decrease) in payables and accrued liabilities	(421,524)	409,134
Cash used in operations	(181,171)	(12,656)
Interest received	2,023	3,121
Net cash used in operating activities	(179,148)	(9,535)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Acquisition of property and equipment (Note 4)	(8,500)	(95,274)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	8,761	(22,735)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(178,887)	(127,544)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	736,091	863,635
CASH AT END OF YEAR	₽557,204	₽736,091

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Association Information

Philippine Wood Producers Association, Inc. (the Association) is an association of corporations, partnerships and individuals engaged in logging, sawmilling, veneer and plywood manufacturing, wood preservation, and other related activities. The Association was incorporated in the Philippines on June 10, 1951 as a nonstock, nonprofit corporation which aims to achieve unity in the wood industry under a single integrated association that would serve as spokesman for the entire wood industry in its continuing dialogue with government authorities. Its services, programs and activities are all geared towards the promotion and development of the lumber and plywood industry.

On December 6, 2001, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the extension of the Association's corporate term for another 50 years, pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors (BOD) and at least two-thirds of the members of the Association on April 18, 2001.

The Association is exempt from the payment of income tax with respect to revenue received in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 30 (f) of the amended National Internal Revenue Code that was passed into law effective January 1, 1998.

The Association had five employees both in 2008 and 2007. The registered office address of the Association is 3rd Floor, LTA Building, 118 Perea Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the BOD on April 7, 2009.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines applicable to a non-publicly accountable entity (NPAE). The Company qualifies as an NPAE under Philippine Accounting Standard (PAS) 101, Financial Reporting Standards for Non-Publicly Accountable Entities, and as permitted under that Standard, prepared its financial statements on the basis of Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) and SFAS/International Accounting Standards effective as of December 31, 2004. Accordingly, the Company availed of the option to defer the application of the new Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and PAS that became effective starting January 1, 2005.

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared on a historical cost basis and presented in Philippine peso.

Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and in banks.

Receivables

Receivables are recognized and carried at invoice amount less any allowance for doubtful accounts. An estimate for doubtful accounts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when identified.



Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. The initial cost of property and equipment comprises its purchase price, including taxes and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditures incurred after the property and equipment have placed into operations, such as repairs and maintenance costs, are normally charged in the period in which the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as an additional cost of property and equipment. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is credited to or charged against current operations.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

	Number of Years
Condominium unit	15
Furniture, fixtures and improvements	4
Office equipment	3

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed periodically to ensure that these are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

Asset Impairment

The carrying values of property and equipment and other nonfinancial assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount. Any impairment loss is recognized in the statement of revenues and expenses.

Retirement Benefits Costs

Retirement benefits liability is determined in accordance with Republic Act No. 7641, *The Retirement Pay Law*, which entitles regular employees of the Association to retirement benefits after rendering specific years of service, as indicated in the Association's policies. Adjustments to retirement benefits costs are charged against operations.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

Membership and Assessment Dues

Membership and assessment dues are membership dues of Timber License Agreement (TLA) holders, sawmillers and associate members which are based on monthly fixed rates. Assessment dues of TLA holders are computed based on the annual allowable cuts.

Donations and contributions

Donations and contributions are recognized upon receipt of cash.



Interest income

Interest income is recognized as it accrues.

Foreign Currency-Denominated Transactions and Translations

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the prevailing exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are restated using the closing exchange rate at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the statement of revenues and expenses.

Events After the Financial Reporting Date

Post year-end events that provide additional information about the Association's position at the reporting date (adjusting events) are reflected in the financial statements. Post year-end events that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes when material.

3. Receivables

	2008	2007
Membership and assessment dues	₽2,062,672	₽1,221,208
Others	502,758	471,365
	2,565,430	1,692,573
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	913,160	707,940
	₽1,652,270	₱984,633

4. Property and Equipment

December 31, 2008:

	Condominium Unit	Office Equipment	Furniture, Fixtures and Improvements	Total
Cost				
Beginning balances	₱1,010,396	₱812,828	₱147,526	₱1,970,750
Additions	-	8,500	-	8,500
Write-off	_	(5,600)	-	(5,600)
Ending balances	1,010,396	815,728	147,526	1,973,650
Accumulated Depreciation				
Beginning balances	1,010,396	711,249	147,526	1,869,171
Depreciation	-	47,907	_	47,907
Write-off	28	(3,850)		(3,850)
Ending balances	1,010,396	755,306	147,526	1,913,228
Net Book Values	₽_	₽60,422	₽_	₽60,422

December 31, 2007:

	Condominium Unit	Office Equipment	Furniture, Fixtures and Improvements	Total
Cost				
Beginning balances	₱1,010,396	₽717,554	₱147,526	₱1,875,476
Additions		95,274	_	95,274
Ending balances	1,010,396	812,828	147,526	1,970,750
Accumulated Depreciation			30-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11	
Beginning balances	₱1,010,396	₱658,168	₱147,526	₱1,816,090
Depreciation	_	53,081	_	53,081
Ending balances	1,010,396	711,249	147,526	1,869,171
Net Book Values	₽_	₱101,579	₽_	₱101,579



5. Payables and Accrued Liabilities

	2008	2007
Accrued expenses	₽402,714	₱650,340
Advances from members	-	173,898
	₽402,714	₽824,238

6. Retirement Benefits Liability

The Company accrues estimated retirement benefits costs for its regular employees pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7641. Under SFAS No. 24, Retirement Benefits Costs, the cost of defined retirement benefits, including those mandated under RA No. 7641, should be determined using an accrued benefit valuation method or a projected benefit valuation method. These methods require an independent actuarial valuation, which the Company did not undertake. Management believes, however, that the effect on the financial statements of the difference between the amount determined using the current method of the Company and the required actuarially determined valuation method is not significant.

Retirement benefits liability as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 amounted to \$\mathbb{P}863,463\$ and \$\mathbb{P}624,371\$, respectively.



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WHAT IS PWPA?

PWPA is the national, umbrella organization of companies engaged in the management of natural forest, development of industrial tree plantation, manufacturing of wood products, and the trading of wood and wood products.

What is the vision & missions of PWPA?

VISION

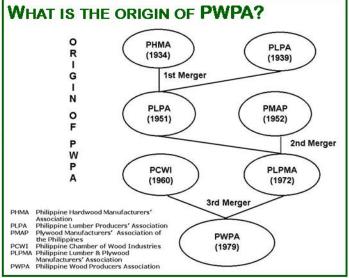
A strong and dynamic organization committed to the economic and environmentally sound development of the Wood Industry in the Philippines.

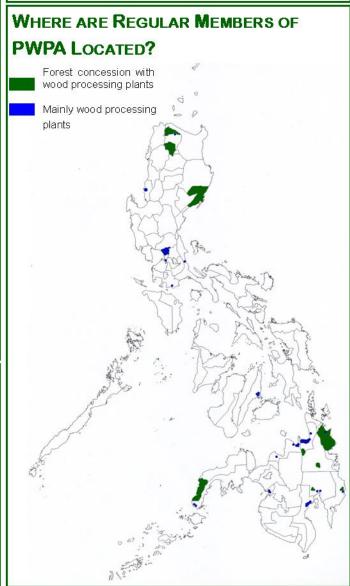
MISSIONS

In partnership with government and all concerned stakeholders, we shall:

- Conserve and protect the environment through the sustainable management of natural and plantation forests;
- Utilize technology and best practices for the production of high quality wood products at competitive prices;
- Promote and encourage the use of high quality wood products;
- Work for appropriate legislation and good governance to ensure the sufficiency of wood resources and enhance the competitiveness of the wood industry; and
- Contribute to the well-being of workers and communities where the wood industry operates.

Regular Members TLA/IFMA Holders Wood Products Manufacturers Honorary Members Distinguished Individuals





ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

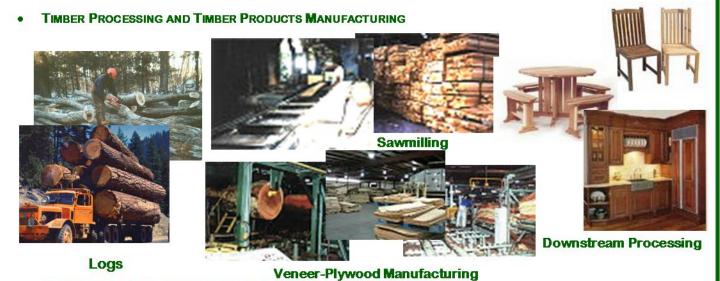
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MEETING WITH DENR-NCR OFFICIALS ON THE ENTRY OF ILLEGAL WOOD PRODUCTS TO THE NCR IN QUEZON CITY, **JUNE 2008**



MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN RUFUS RODRIGUEZ, AUTHOR OF THE SFM BILL IN QUEZON CITY, AUGUST 2008



57th Annual General Assembly of PWPA Members with RI Chemical Corp. and CTNi as co-presenters, DENR SECRETARY JOSE ATIENZA, JR. AS GUEST SPEAKER; GOVERNOR GRACE PADACA AS PWPA MOLAWIN AWARDEE IN MAKATI CITY, NOVEMBER 2008

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DIALOGUES AND SIGNING OF MOA FOR THE FREE AND PRIOR INFORM CONSENT OF THE PWPA IFMA IN MORONG, BATAAN, APRIL, JUNE AND JULY 2008



ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY WEEK IN HANOI, VIETNAM, APRIL 2008



BIO-ENERGY FOR ASIA-PACIFIC REGION IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, OCTOBER 2008

Environment Events



PWPA Joined the Pontifical Mass for the Earth Day Celebration 2008 in Manila Cathedral, April 2008



TREE PLANTING FOR MUNTINLUPA SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL MINI-FOREST PARK IN MUNTINLUPA CITY, MAY 2008



SIGNING OF THE COVENANT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGA-TION IN NORZAGARAY, BULACAN, MAY 2008



FLAG STICKERS FOR THE CELE-BRATION FLAG DAY 2008. **JULY 2008**



PWPA AT THE ENVIRONMENT MONTH CELEBRATION IN MANILA, JUNE 2008



PLANTING TREE **CONGRESS-**RUFUS MAN RODRIGUEZ AND **DENR REGION X** IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, JULY 2008



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1. Forest and Wood Products as Carbon Sinks

FOREST AS CARBON SINK

- Growing trees absorb CO₂ from the atmosphere at a rate of 0.8-0.9 tons for every m³ of growth
- The resulting carbon is locked away for the tree's life and the life of wood and wood products coming from the tree
- The best way to use forest as carbon sink is to harvest the mature timber while replanting more trees than before and convert the timber into products which continue to store the carbon



WOOD-BASED PRODUCTS AS CARBON SINK

- Wood products act as carbon sink through their life
- Using wood products encourages forest to expand, increasing the carbon sink effect thus helps reduce the CO₂ in the atmosphere



2. Wood as Green Construction Material

Requires less energy to process and transport

- using 1 m³ of wood instead of other materials results in 0.8 tons of carbon sequestration
- Excellent thermal insulation property
 - timber frame houses use less energy
- Acts as carbon sink
- Encourages forest plantation expansion by its use

Material	Conductivity (BTU/hr/ft² /in/°F)	Insulating Efficiency (%)	
Softwood	0.80	100	
Clay brick	4.8	16.5	
Glass	5.5	14.7	
Sandstone	12.0	12.3	
Concrete	12.6	6.3	
Steel	312.0	0.25	
Aluminum	1416.0	0.06	

3. WOOD-BASED INDUSTRIES & CLIMATE CHANGE

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD THAT MITHGATE/ADAPT CLIMATE CHANGE

- Wood is environmentfriendly
- Stores the carbon initially trapped in the trees
- Wood-based products can be produced using low fuel consumption processes



Source: Cabangon, Jariel. Updates of the Activities on Wood-based Products. FPRDI 2008. Ed

FOREST RESOURCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

1. LAND CLASSIFICATION\1

Expression Total Area	Total Areas	Total Area's Classified	Forestland		
	i Otal Area⊵	A & D	Classified	Unclassified	Total
Million hectares	30.0	14.2	15.0	0.8	15.8
Percentage	100	47	50	3	53

Source: 2007 Philippine Forestry Statistics. DENR/FMB.

2. LAND COVER/USE CLASSIFICATION

Firm the second	T-1-1-A	Cover/Use Classification\⊥			
Expression	Total Area	Forest\2	Other Woodland	Other Land	Inland Water
Million hectares	30.0	7.2	3.6	18.4	0.8
Percentage	100	24	12	61	3

Source: Forest Resources Assessment: National Forest and Tree Resources Assessment 2003-2005. DENR/FMB.

3. FORESTLAND CLASSIFICATION1

	Total	Classified/Established				Classified/Established			
Expression	Area\2	Forest Reserve	Timberland	National Parks & GRBS & WA	nai Parks Willitary/Naval & Fishpond		Unclassified		
Million hectares	15.8	3.3	10.0	1.3	0.3	<0.1	0.8		
Percentage	100	21	63	8	2	<1	5		

Source: 2007 Philippine Forestry Statistics. DENR/FMB.

4. Use/Control of the Entire Forestland

Tenure	Area 1000 ha	Tenure	Area 1000 ha	Tenure-exempt/free	Area 1000 ha
CBFMA	1,662	AFFLA	78	Untenured Forest Reserve & Timberland\1	2,600
IFMA/ITPLA	833	SIFMA	35	Watershed Reserves	1,508
TLA	496	TFLA	14	National Parks	1,341
FLGMA	113	PTLA	5	Military/Naval/Civil Reservation	292
1			3	Fishpond	91
	Total		3,236	Total	5,832
CADT/CALT\1			5,977	Unclassified	755
	Total		9,213	Total	6,587

Source: 2007 Philippine Forestry Statistics. DENR/FMB, except as footnoted.

[\]tag{L}- The 1973 Constitution classification land of the public domain into agricultural (~A&D), forest- or timberland, mineral land and national parks.

¹²⁻ The total area of the Philippines is 30 million hectares.

¹¹⁻ Locations, whether in forestland, in A & D lands, or in both, not specified.

½- Accordingly, 6.4 million hectares in forestland and 0.8 million hectares in A&D lands.

¹¹⁻ Not reflected are ancestral lands and ancestral domains, with or without CALT or CADT - that partake as private lands under native title; might sum up to about 6 million hectares per information by NCIP to Dr. F. O. Tesoro.

^{₹2-}The total area of forestland, both classified/established and unclassified, is 15.8 million hectares.

[\]u- See footnote 1 in item 3, supra.

½- Interpreted as the balance remaining after deducting tenured, specifically reserved, CADT/CALT and unclassified areas in forestland.

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5. AREA BY MAIN FOREST TYPE

Expression Total Area	Total	Natural Forest			Plantation Forest		
	Area	Broad-leaved	Coniferous	Mixed + Mangrove	Broad-leaved	Coniferous	Mixed + Mangrove
Million hectares	7.2	6.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	<0.1	<0.1
Percentage	100	88	3	4	4	<1	<1

Source: Forest Resources Assessment: Natural Forest and Tree Resources Assessment 2003-2005. DENR/FMB.

Note: Broad-leaved forest consists of what used to be classified as the predominant dipterocarp, high mossy, beach and mangrove formations; Coniferous forest, the Pinus, Agathis and Podocarpus formations; and mixed forest, combinations of the preceding formations, including bamboos.

6. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE FOREST

Expression	Total Area	With Management	With No Known Management
Million hectares	7.2	2.1	5.1
Percentage	100	29	71

Source: ibid.

Note: Accordingly, the State owns 85% of the 7.2 million hectares (not to be confused with forestland), nearly 15% thereof, privately owned. Tenurial agreement holders are required by the government to have formal management system for the forest and forestland awarded to them..

7. GROSS AND COMMERCIAL VOLUME OF TREES IN THE FORESTS

Expression		Gross Volume		Commercial Volume			
	Broad-leaved½	Coniferous	Mixed + Mangrove	Broad-leaved⊎	Coniferous	Mixed + Mangrove	
Million cu m	1,207	29	Ī	370	15	<1	
Percentage	97	2	<1	95	4	<1	
Volume/ha (cu m)⅓	178	229	15	54	120	2	

Source: ibid.

11- Gross and commercial tree volume in both natural and plantation forests.

12. The mangrove and bamboo gross and commercial volume excluded.

ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

The entire world is now facing the dangers of Global Warming and Climate Change, characterized by the abrupt changing of the Earth's temperature, mainly caused by 200 years of fossil-fuel based industrialization, urbanization and agriculture.

In recent usage, especially in the context of environmental policy, climate change usually refers to changes in modern climate. It can be a change in the average weather or a change in the distribution of weather events around an average (for example, greater or fewer extreme weather events).

This is commonly used interchangeably with "global warming" and "the greenhouse effect." Climate change refers to the buildup of man-made gases in the atmosphere that trap the suns heat, causing changes in weather patterns on a global scale. The effects include changes in rainfall patterns, sea level rise, potential droughts, habitat loss, and heat stress.

WHAT CAUSE CLIMATE CHANGE?

The main contributors to climate change are the greenhouse gases which accumulate in the

atmosphere and stays there for at least 200 years, trapping heat that we release.

The greenhouse gases of most concern are carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxides. If these gases in our atmosphere double, the earth could warm up by 2.5 to 4.5 degrees Fahrenheit by the year 2050, with changes in global precipitation having the greatest consequences.

Carbon dioxide or CO₂ from the burning of fossil fuels from our vehicles and industries. CO₂ remains in the atmosphere for 200 years.

Methane is produced by the rotting of garbage in dumpsites. It is 20 times more lethal than carbon dioxide.

Carbon dioxide is the main culprit. The single human activity that is most likely to have a large impact on the climate is the burning of "fossil fuels" such as coal, oil and gas. These fuels contain carbon. Burning them makes carbon dioxide gas. Since the early 1800s, the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere has increased by nearly 30%, and average global temperature appears to have risen between 1° and 2°F.

Carbon dioxide gas traps solar heat in the atmosphere, partly in the same way as glass traps solar heat in a greenhouse; carbon dioxide is sometimes called a "greenhouse gas." As more carbon dioxide is added to the atmosphere, solar heat has more trouble getting out. The result is that, if everything else stayed unchanged, the average temperature of the atmosphere would increase.

Other gases. Carbon dioxide is not the only gas released by human activities that can cause warming. Human emissions of methane and nitrous oxide together contribute almost half as much warming.

Coal and oil contain sulfur. When they are burned the sulfur is transformed into fine particles in the atmosphere. This sulfur pollution contributes to various environmental problems. Most scientists think that sulfur particles cool the planet but this cooling has partly canceled some of the warming that should have come from the growing concentrations of greenhouse gases. However, since emissions of greenhouse gases continue to grow, and most countries are working hard to reduce emissions of sulfur air pollution, this canceling will probably not continue in the future. In that case, the average temperature may rise more rapidly.

IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

As global warming continues, scientists point out that the world is moving towards a dangerous tipping point

[&]amp;- Gross volume of 20 most abundant tree species in natural forest is 118 cu m/ha and commercial volume, 42 cu m/ha; generally of the Shorea, Parashorea and Dipterocarpus spp. Gross volume of 10 most abundant broad-leaved tree species in plantation forest is 34 cu m/ha and commercial volume, about 2 cu m/ha generally of Gmelina arborea, Parasranthes falcataria, Mangifera indica, Pterocarpus indica, Samanea saman, Swietenia macrophylla, etc.

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of irreversible climate change in the year 2050.

The current level of greenhouse gases tapped in the atmosphere is 372 parts per million (ppm). Scientists report that if the 450 ppm level is reached, the world would reach that tipping point.

A 7-meter rise in sea water will drastically reduce the land areas of islands like Mactan and Guimaras and vast areas of Malabon, Navotas and Manila will be permanently under water.

our coastline with 80% of the population dependent on seafood as primary source of protein. A mere one-meter increase in sea level could destroy or drastically affect living conditions in 64 of the country's 81 provinces

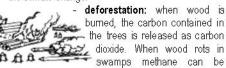
If global warming occurs, not every day or every place will be warmer. But on average most places will be warmer. This will cause changes in the amount and pattern of rain and snow, in the length of growing seasons, in the frequency and severity of storms, and in sea level. Farms, forests, and plants and animals in the natural environment, will all be affected.

HUMAN ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUT-ING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- major contributors to possible climate change:
 - coal, oil, and natural gas, when burned release carbon dioxide, the most important greenhouse gas.



· modest contributors to possible climate change



swamps methane can be produced. Living trees remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

rice paddies, cattle, coal 🗤 🖘 mines, gas pipelines, and 🎩 landfills produce methane, another greenhouse gas,



which today causes about 30% as much warming . as carbon dioxide.

 fertilizers and other chemicals release nitrous oxide, which today causes about 10% as much warming as carbon dioxide.

The ozone hole is a different problem. Many people confuse the hole in the ozone layer with climate change. The main cause of the hole in the ozone layer is chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), gases that are used in refrigerators and air conditioners, example. While CFCs alone cause warming, their ozone destruction can cause cooling, thus they approximately balanced.

ADAPTATION MECHANISMS VS. 1 GLOBAL WARMING

Malacañang Palace hosted the Carbon Cutting Congress versus Climate Change in November 2008. The Congress Declaration supported, among others, a 50% global emissions reductions by 2050, or before that . tipping point of irreversible climate change is reached.

Locally we must also act to cut carbon dioxide and Half of the countrys 1,610 municipalities are located along mitigate climate change in order for us to have the moral authority to ask the developed nations to make deep and early cuts.

President Arroyo has issued three Executive Orders:

- 1. Administrative Order No. 171 was issued in February 2007, creating the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change (PTFCC) that will assess the impact of climate change to the Philippines and reduce greenhouse emissions in the Philippines through fuel efficiency, energy conservation and use of renewable energy.
- 2. Executive Order No. 774 was issued in December 2008 to reorganize the PTFCC into OPACC, with the President as Chair, and creating 17 Task Groups headed by Department Secretaries, with specific programs per Task Group to combat climate change.
- 3. Executive Order No. 785 was issued in February 2009 mandating the OPACC to develop a National Climate Change Framework that will consolidate and institutionalize government initiatives to achieve synergy in the implementation of climate change programs and projects.

Due to serious threats to national survival, there is a need for every citizen and every sector of the society to mobilize in order to abort the tipping point warned by scientists.

- For every citizen to reduce his or her "carbon footprint" or the indicator of how much each person pollutes the
- For transport sector to use bio-fuel blends for gasoline and diesel and improve road systems that will reduce fuel consumption.
- Use biodiesel or diesel-fed vehicles, and bioethanol for gasoline-fed vehicles to reduce CO2 emissions.
- For power sector to tap potential rich sources of clean or alternative energy such as wind, solar, tidal, geothermal and hydro power to gradually replace coal and oil-fired power plants.
- For industries to build structures and buildings designed for environment efficiency and to practice waste and water management and recycling.
- For individuals and communities to practice waste segregation, establish materials recovery facility (MRF), a mandate for every barangay per RA 9003 where wastes will be processed.
- Establish urban gardens in backyards and open spaces for planting of organic vegetables for food production, using compost fertilizers from the MRF

- Replace old fluorescent lamps with compressed fluorescent lamps which cut power consumption by up to 90% while getting the same amount of brightness. Practice energy conservation measures such as shutting-off air conditioners before 9AM and after 4PM.
- Create carbon sinks by helping conserve forests and plant trees to help absorb carbon dioxide.
- Communities must be primed and organized for disaster preparedness with proper evacuation plans, refuge management, emergency food and water supply, strengthened infrastructures that may serve as evacuation camps, and educate the public.
- Avoid using objects that energy-intensive like plastics, steel and cement. Adopt a more organic lifestyle by doing, eating, and being what's natural.

We have significant number of environmental laws:

- General environmental law
 - PD 1151 Philippine Environmental Policy
 - PD 1152 Philippine Environmental Code
 - PD 1586 Environmental Impact Statement System
 - . PD 2146 Environmental Critical Areas and Projects
 - . PD 984 Pollution Control Law
 - 6969 Toxic Substances Hazardous Wastes
- Land
- RA 7586 National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
- RA 9147 Conservation & Protection of Wildlife Resources
- PD 1144 Fertilizers and Pesticides
- RA 7076 People's Small-scale Mining
- RA 7942 Philippine Mining Act
- RA 7196 Mini-hydroelectric Power Developers
- PD 1068 Non-conventional Energy Resources
- RA 9367 Biofuels Act
- RA 1442 Geothermal Resources
- EO 290 Implementing the Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Transport
- RA 8749 Clean Air Act
- Waters
- PD 979 Marine Pollution
- RA 9275 Clean Water Act
- PD 296 -Directing Persons Renounce Possession of Riverbanks
- RA 9003 Solid Wast Management Act of 2001
- · RA 7160 Environment Related Provisions of the Local Government Code
- Dao No. 30-92 Role of Local Governments in **Environmental Protection**
- Philippine Agenda 21

Emerging market for land-use carbon credits

It is widely accepted that detrimental land-use actions. However, land-use projects represent less than 1% of the significant discount to generate at least 18% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions worldwide, mostly from deforestation. FAO estimates global forest loss at about 13 million hectares per year, releasing around 1650 MtCO2 each year.

official carbon offset market

In 2007, 18% of traded volume on the voluntary market was accounted for by forestry and agricultural soils projects. Credits from land-use projects often trade at a ing regulatory schemes are show growing interest in

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other project types,

such as renewable energy, industrial gas, or fuel switching. Still, voluntary buyers and buyers motivated by emerg-

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purchasing credits from projects previously designated as Land Use and Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF), now referred to as Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use (AFOLU). This new designation accounts for a broader set of project types including A/R, improved forest management, reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD), and agricultural land management.

Evolving regulatory environment

Expansion of the market for land-use project generated of carbon credits is driven by changes in the regulatory and environment. The EU has recently made a commitment to address the global problem of deforestation. In the absence of regulatory acceptance, voluntary interest in AFOLU projects from institutional and retail buyers is growing. Valpan recently announced that it will institute a voluntary emissions reduction plan where companies would voluntarily agree to cut emissions. Japan has been an important player in the worldwide carbon market and has been a strong supporter of forestry projects.

Australia's new government has set up a climate exchange to trade emission reduction credits, and it has proposed recognizing credits from agricultural land use and forestry and appears to be on track in meeting its Kyoto emission reduction targets.

Pending federal legislation in the U.S. and regional initiatives devising legislation to limit GHG emissions and establish cap and trade systems include acceptance of domestic and international forestry projects as offsets. Given the size of the U.S. regulatory market the impact on the demand for land-use credits will be significant.

Market standards

In Bali (December 2007), the UNFCCC included REDD on its post-2012 roadmap, with more details expected to emerge from its next cop in December 2009. The World Bank, through its Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, is supporting reduced/avoided deforestation efforts at the country level. In addition, the voluntary market for AFOLU projects is growing and gaining credibility with market participants. By contrast, the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS) provides guidance for accurate accounting of carbon stocks, leakage, and additionality, though no methodologies have been approved to date. Terra Global Capital proposed the first VCS REDD methodology in September, 2008, which is currently under third party validation.

Market growth is being driven by standards that provide transparency for buyers and sellers, carbon accounting methods that are robust and credible, and registration processes that are streamlined and cost effective. The two main standards currently accepted for AFOLU projects are VCS and CDM. These differ significantly in the types of projects accepted and the details of

land eligibility (see Table below).

Prices

Market prices for carbon credits from REDD projects vary widely and is used on a limited sample size, they have to date been observed to range from \$2 to \$12 per ton. While the contribution of VCS and CCBS registration ensures a high degree of carbon accounting and social and biodiversity benefits, it is unclear how much of a premium the market will place on credits with both CCBS and VCS registration. Nonetheless, REDD projects as a whole are anticipated to play an important role in the market for worldwide carbon offsets.

A recent survey of the voluntary market by Ecosystems Marketplace noted the following prices were reported for voluntary market transactions per ton of CO2:

- A/R plantation/monocrop \$8.20 per ton
- A/R restoration of native species \$6.20 per ton
- Avoided deforestation \$4.80 per ton
- · Agricultural soil \$3.90 per ton

Demand side drivers

Credits from land use projects will continue to provide a low to medium cost abatement solution for compliance with US. EU, Australia and Japan regulatory schemes and for voluntary buyers. Since the voluntary market is expected to grow to US \$50 billion by 2012, the demand for land-use projects with desirable co-benefits to voluntary buyers? will impact the market growth for land use credits. For pre-compliance companies and investors, the U.S. market which is predicted to be worth \$1 trillion by 2020, provides an opportunity to invest early in anticipation of increased regulation and market appreciation, to include offset credits from forestry projects.

The Kyoto compliance markets are currently limited for forestry (CDM only allows afforestation/reforestation). Companies with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goals have recently been looking more to buy land-use credits, as they have started to understand the issues of permanence and timing of offsets versus their emissions. Buyers often focus on two issues beyond the importance they place on accurate carbon accounting. One is permanence: the notion that the offsets created and sold from a project will not be reversed by natural or man-made events that release the project's previously sequestered carbon. The second one is additionality, confirming that that the project resulted in lower green house gas emissions than what would have occurred under a 'business as usual' scenario.

Buyers currently in the market have been categorized as follows:

- Regulatory compliance buyers who need to purchase offsets to meet their regulatory caps;
- CSR companies who purchase credits to meet objectives of environmental responsibility,

- Pre-compliance or early action buyers from corporate entities who will eventually have to comply with a standard;
- Speculators or investors who want to take advantage of possible future price increases; and
- Retail buyers who want to take personal action to offset their carbon footprints.

While each of these buyers has different motivations and pricing objectives, they all need to rely on transparent standards for carbon accounting and the ability to understand the risk related to their carbon offsets purchases.

Can AFOLU projects be brought to market in scale?

It is estimated that reforestation of only 1% of eligible tropical land could give rise to \$5 billion in carbon credits. Each year US \$8 billion worth of carbon (valued at US \$5 per ton) is emitted due to deforestation. Thus the ability for both A/R and REDD to contribute to reducing GHG is significant. However, if forests are to be replanted, stabilized, or deforestation avoided, the developers of such projects will need expertise, capital, and technical support to bring credible projects to market and to implement them.

Often projects require up-front funding to support startup costs for project development and carbon measurement. Having such funding in place early allows for a better chance of project success. In addition, it must be established who is the legal owner of the credits, and how the transaction can be structured to ensure that credits are only sold once and that a viable counterparty can sign the emissions reduction purchase agreement with buyers.

Finally, to ensure that income streams can flow fairly to multiple participants, including local communities, revenue flows need to be accurately predicted and mechanisms put in place to distribute carbon benefits.

Conclusion

The AFOLU carbon market is growing at a rapid rate. The demand for land-based offset credits will undoubtedly increase further with changes in the regulatory systems of developed countries, and because there is no other single source that could potentially meet this growing demand. The measurement, permanence, additionality, and risk issues of AFOLU projects will be better understood and managed, and as the market matures numbers of buyers and early investors will increase.

Such maturation will occur as quality projects are brought to market, transparent and rigorous standards are applied, ample technical expertise to measure carbon is developed, and adequate financing to initiate projects is efficiently sourced.

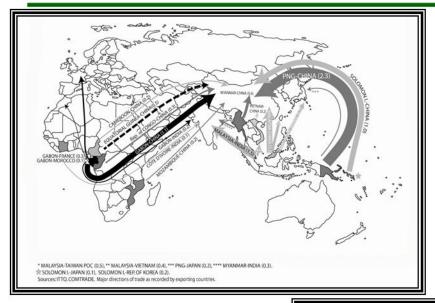
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Category	Examples	CDM	VCS
Afforestation/	Tree planting with or w/o harvest, on deforested land	1	1
Reforestation	Agro-forestry on deforested land	1	I
	Assigned natural regeneration, on deforested land	1	1
		Deforested prior 1990	Deforested > 10 yrs prior project starts
Avoided Deforestation	Reduction of degradation and deforestation	0	1
(REDD)	Enrichment planting or ANR, on degraded lands		1
mproved Forest Man-	Conversion from commercial to sustainable timber harvesting		1
agement	Extending rotations of harvests		/
	Other treatments to restore forest value		1
Agriculture Land Man-	Conservation tillage	(2)	1
agement	Optimized fertilization (reducing N2O emissions)		1
	 Improved water management rice (reducing CH4) 		1
	Rangeland management		j j

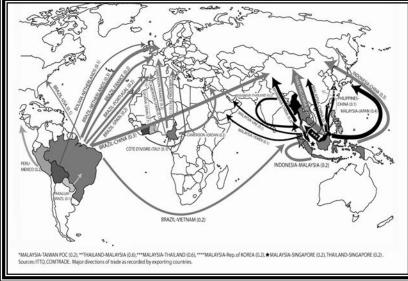
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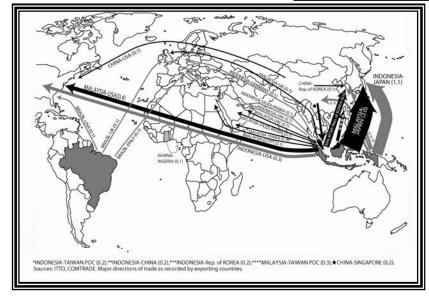
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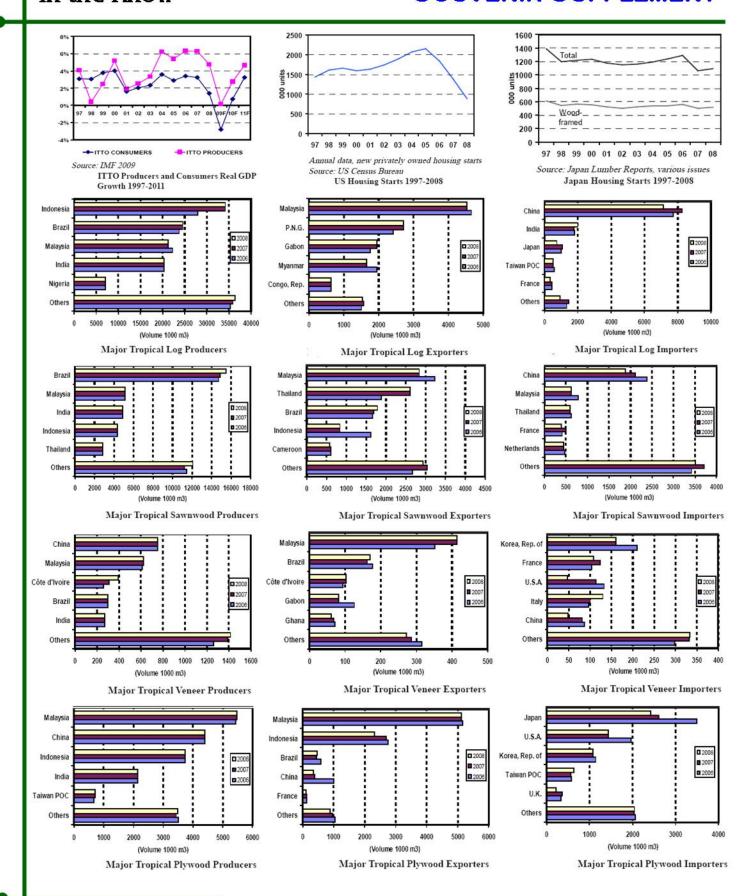


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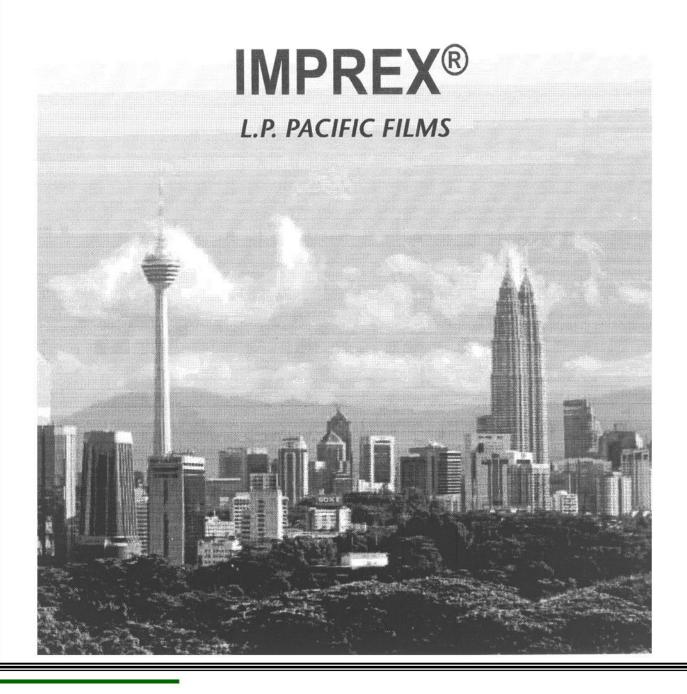
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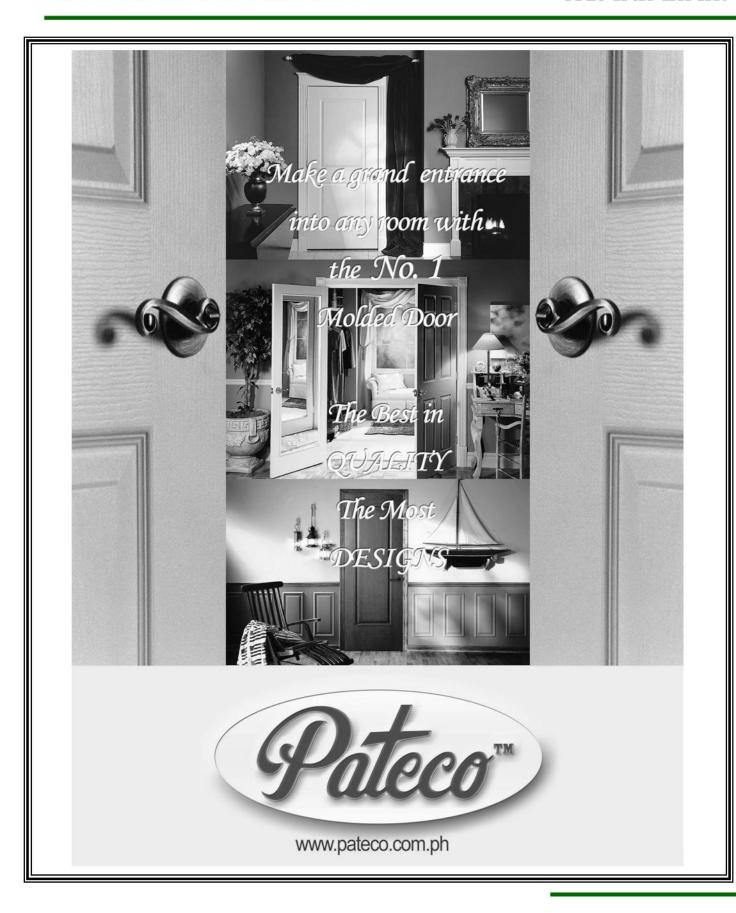
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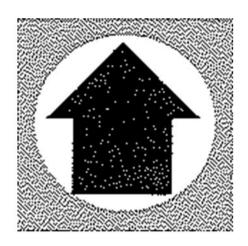
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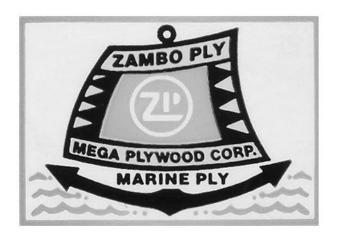
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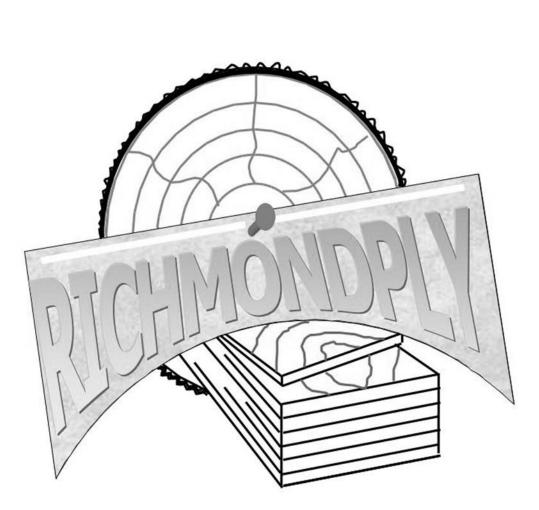
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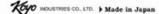
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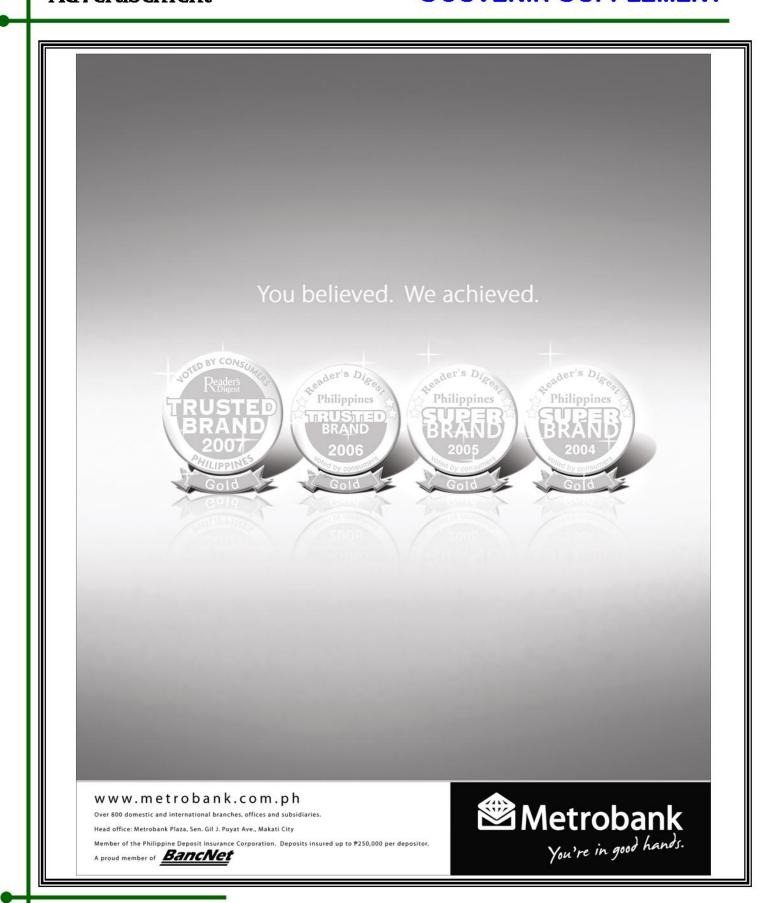
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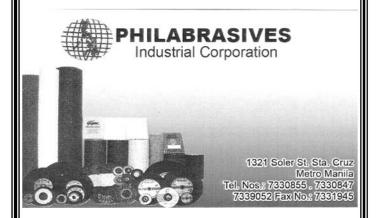
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