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Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Request for Expressions of Interest

For the Sale and Harvesting of Timber from the Masamasa-Falelima Forest Plantation (MFFP) – Lot 1

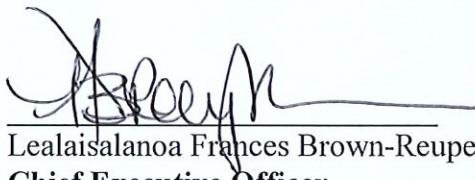
1. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), through its Forestry Division, is responsible for the management of the Masamasa–Falelima Forest Plantation (MFFP), which forms part of the Masamasa–Falelima National Park in Savaii. MFFP was established in the early 1980s under a New Zealand-funded reforestation project to rehabilitate areas previously subjected to extensive harvesting of native timber in earlier decades.
2. In line with the 2019 Management Plan for the wider National Park, the Forestry Board has approved the selective harvesting and phased removal of exotic timber species within MFFP. This initiative supports the restoration of native forest species, conservation of biodiversity, climate change adaptation, and the generation of sustainable economic benefits and development.
3. In light of the above, MNRE is now seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced local contractors/companies, of Samoan citizenship and registration, to undertake the harvesting and removal of the selected exotic timber species within MFFP. Under this proposed arrangement, the successful contractor will obtain the right to harvest the approved exotic timber species for this Lot 1, subject to compliance with the approved Harvesting Plan, the Code of Logging Practices, and the *Forestry Management Act 2011*. These harvesting operations are expected to be carried out over a period of three (3) years.
4. The information and documents required in order for your Expression of Interest (EOI) to be responsive are set out below. Responsive EOIs will then be invited to submit a Full Technical Proposal whereas non-responsive submissions will not be considered:
 - a) Cover Letter introducing firm and signed by authorized signatory;
 - b) Copy of Business License and Certificate of Incorporation (must be of Samoan citizenship and registration, in accordance with the *Foreign Investment Act 2000* concerning sawmilling operations);
 - c) Copy of sawmill registration;
 - d) Brief Company Profile including key personnel and available equipment relevant to forestry harvesting operations; and

- e) Must demonstrate experience undertaking similar projects in the last ten (10) years.
- 5. EOI submissions must be addressed and delivered in hard copy (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address by **11:00 a.m. on 23 February 2026**:

**Secretary
Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Level 4, Central Bank Building
Apia, Samoa**

- 6. A pre-submission meeting will be held on **13 February 2026 at 10:30 a.m.** at the **MNRE Forestry Office, Asau, Savai'i** with a site-visit to follow shortly thereafter.
- 7. The detailed Terms of Reference may be downloaded from the MNRE and/or the Ministry of Finance websites. For inquiries, please reach out to **ACEO Forestry Division** (Email: tolusina.pouli@mnre.gov.ws).
- 8. MNRE reserves the right, at its sole discretion, without incurring any liability to accept or reject any EOI, to shortlist or decline to shortlist any applicant, to amend, suspend, or cancel this EOI process at any time, and is under no obligation to invite any or all applicants to submit a Full Technical Proposal. MNRE shall not be liable for any costs, losses, or expenses incurred by any applicant in the preparation or submission of EOI.

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Chief Executive Officer