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Assignment Name: Log Tracking System Project (Pilot)		Country: Ghana
Location within Country: Accra and pilot forest area (Western Region, Asangkrangwa District)		Professional Staff Provided by SGS (profiles): Forest Management Specialist, Forest Monitoring Specialist
Name of Client: Ministry of Lands, Mines and Forests (Public)		Nº of Staff: 2
Address: Accra, Ghana		Number of Staff x months; Duration of Assignment: 4 months over 10 months
Start Date (Month/Year): May 1999	Completion Date (Month/Year): March 2000 (pilot phase)	Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$): USD 91,000
Name of Associated Consultants, If Any: Francis Odoom		Nº of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants: 2
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: Hichem Tabka (Local Project Director/Coordinator); John Barne, Team Leader		
Narrative Description of Project: As part of its Certification Project the project aims at developing and implementing a pilot system that provides the chain-of-custody required for tracking exported wood products back to the sawmill and ultimately to the forest from which the logs originate.		
Description of Actual Services Provided by SGS's Staff: Evaluating and reviewing Ghana's existing chain of custody system for timber. Designing and specifying the requirements for procuring a practical computerised system. Estimating the cost of installing and testing the system and preparing a list of possible suppliers. Conduct a pilot test of the log tracking system (manual & computerised). Training staff of Forestry Dept and private operators in operation of the system in the forest. Training senior forestry officials in Forest Management & Chain-of-Custody Certification.		