

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Assignment Name: Log Export Monitoring Agreement		Country: Papua New Guinea (PNG)	
Location within Country: Port Moresby and all other export locations		Professional Staff Provided by SGS: Project Manager, Technical Training Manager, plus 60 local field/ admin staff	
Name of Client: PNG Forest Authority		N^o of Staff: 56 full time staff on average	
Address: Port Moresby, PNG		Number of Staff x months; Duration of Assignment: 11 years to date	
Start Date (Month/Year): July 1994	Completion Date (Month/Year): ongoing	Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$): USD 2,000,000 (average annual budget)	
Names of Associated Consultants: N/A		N^o of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants: N/A	
Names of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: Bruce Telfer, Project Manager and Malcolm Levett, Technical Training Manager.			
Narrative Description of Project: An Independent Commission of Inquiry established that there was significant lack of control of the forestry sector in PNG, particularly in the area of log exports where the country was suffering major losses of revenue. The project monitors all log exports from the country (approx. 2 million m3 annually) through 30 export ports. All impending log shipments are required to be notified to SGS. The export monitoring process involves independent physical checks for species identification and log measurement, plus a tally of logs in each shipment. Vessel cargo details are reported independently to government. All shipping and commercial documentation is checked. All information is entered into a database with monthly reports provided to the Forest Authority, Internal Revenue Commission (for export duty and company tax monitoring), Bank of PNG (for foreign exchange monitoring) and the Departments of Finance and Planning. The project is designed to transfer new skills, technology and management procedures to the PNG Forest Authority staff – many of whom are working for SGS on a seconded basis.			
Description of Services Provided by SGS Staff: Responsible for the design and implementation of the monitoring and inspection service. System design for both field and office computing systems, including software and database design. Management system certified to ISO9002. Conduct of an awareness campaign for all stakeholders: government (at all levels, national and provincial), landowners and the forest industry. Set-up of bases at strategic locations and provision of logistical support systems for 42 inspectors operating at 30 logging camps.			