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Stung Treng Provincial Administration

Stung Treng province, the 1st day of the month of July 2019

Respectfully yours, Samdech Krala Hom Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Ministry

Subject: on the case of the publication of the Moneaksekar khmer news outlets about the timber trader named **Meuk Saphannareth**, alias Oknha Chey, continued the activities of transporting timber from Sesan district, Stung Treng province through Kratie province to Vietnam.

Reference: -Letter No. 1372, ស៊ីជីណា dated June 19, 2019 of the Ministry of Interior
-Publication by Moneaksekar Khmer news outlet on March 27, 2019.

In response to the above objectives and references, I have the honor to inform Samdech Krala Hom, Deputy Prime Minister, that the publication of the Moneaksekar khmer news outlet about trader **Meuk Saphannareth**, alias Oknha Chey, continues to transport timber from Sesan District, Stung Treng Province through Kratie Province to Vietnam, Stung Treng Provincial Administration has assigned specialized departments and divisions with authority to conduct a series of studies on this case, which found that:

1. For the processing and transportation of non-timber forest products from the location of the sawmill from the cleaning of the bottom of the Lower Sesan 2 Dam, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries issued Prakas No. 132, PRK, ប្រកាស្រីស្រី dated 26 In April 2013, the Office of the Council of Ministers issued Letter No. 1234 dated November 5, 2018, authorizing **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd.** Obtained the right to clean the bottom of the Lower Sesan 2 dam.

In that, Okhna Kith Meng, the president of this company, appointed two employees of the company, **Mr. Oum Bun Reth** and **Mr. Mao Lina**, to have the right to sign all the official documents requesting permission to transport timber from the temporary sawmill to the target depot. (Attached file)

2. On 11 May 2019, the Forestry Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries issued a permit Letter (LP) for the transportation of non-timber forest products to Oknha Kith Meng, General Director of **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd.** for transportation Non-timber forest products to the direction of use of sawmills - wood processing. (Attached file)

3. On March 22, 2019, the Forestry Administration Division of Stung Treng Forestry Administration and Stung Treng Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries issued a (PC) transportation permit to **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd.** for transportation of non-timber forest products to Kambas village, Memong commune, Memot district, Tbong Khmum province. (Attached file)

4- All official documents of the request for transportation of non-timber forest products of **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd** from designated sawmill to the destination of the depot authorized in accordance with laws and local principles, there is no signature requested by **Meuk Saphannareth**, there is only the official name of the company representative.

5- For the lifting and transportation of non-timber forest products of **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd** from the sawmill to designated depot in the country required the provincial fisheries inspect, measure, verify and confirm that the wood has paid the tribute and premium to the state legally, then the competent authorities issued a **transport permit (PC)** to the company to transport out.

6. For all shipments of non-timber forest products collected from the cleaning of the bottom of the Lower Sesan 2 Dam, the sole legal right is given to **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd** without any other company to transport.

7- By reviewing all the documents of the relevant authorities, it can be concluded that:

-The transportation of non-timber forest products from the sawmill of **Ang and Associates Lawyers Co., Ltd** in Sesan District, Stung Treng Province to the target of Kambas Village, Memong Commune, Memot District, Tbong Khmum Province, on the night of March 27, 2019, is the transportation of the company that applied for the above permit without being shipped between March 22-24, 2019 (Card No. 004232 / ៩). / PC / B).

-In the case of Meuk Sophannareth, alias Oknha Chey, which was published by Moneaksekar khmer news outlets on March 27, 2019, the professional institution has never issued a permit to transport non-timber forest products and has never been asked for the transportation of non-timber forest products from the above name from the target of Sesan district, Stung Treng province.

As mentioned above, Samdech Krala Hom, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, please be informed and provide high leadership principles.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration

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* Provincial Governor
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