

Press release

ROUGIER AFRIQUE INTERNATIONAL AND IFC DISCUSS POTENTIAL COLLABORATION

Paris, 10 September 2012 (7:00 am) - The Rougier Group and IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, have initiated discussions to explore opportunities for potential collaboration.

The proposed collaboration relates to natural forest concessions and processing factories in Gabon, Cameroon and Republic of Congo, constituting with international trading Rougier Afrique International

More information is available on IFC website at the following link:

http://www1.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/corp_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/ifc+projects+datab_ase/projects/disclosed+projects/rougier_31926

Rougier Afrique International is committed to operating its activities applying the principles of sustainable forest management. The group subsidiaries respect the environment and contribute to the well-being of their employees, their families and local communities, as well as sustainable development of the countries in which they operate.

IFC supports sustainable businesses along the entire forest product supply chain, from plantations to production of fine furniture and panel products to paper products and construction lumber. IFC plays a critical global leadership role by ensuring that its projects set an example of environmental and social stewardship.



Founded in 1923, the Rougier Group is a market leader for certified African tropical timber. The Group operates around three activities: Rougier Afrique International (natural forest harvesting, industrial processing and international trade), Lignafrica

(research, management and investment in industrial forest plantations in Africa), Rougier Sylvaco and Rougier Panneaux (importing and distribution in France of timber from all origins).

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