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# OLB CERTIFICATION “Origin & Legality of Wood”: The Tranchivoire experience

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# Corporate social Responsibility - Tranchivoire

- **An industrial company specializing in processing and marketing of timber**
  - created In 1986 by the Family GIOSTRA
  - Located In the industrial zone of Abidjan Kumasi CI
  - Holder Of 12 forestry areas present on
  - Standing -Effective 400 people
  - transformation Of about 60,000 cubic meters of logs per year
- **A firm commitment to sustainable development**
  - First Certified company OLB (Origin and Legality of Timber) in CI by Bureau VERITAS in 2013
  - a logging in compliance with forest and environmental standards
  - a sustained activity reforestation
  - the regular payment of all taxes
  - a policy strictly followed HQSE

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- **Economic responsibility:**

- Create and maintain employment for a permanent staff of 400 people.
- Develop A production of about 13 000 cubic meter of plating and 8000 meter cube per year charged
- Contribute The Ivorian GDP, with about 2 billion FCFA in felling tax paid since 1986

- **Social responsibility**

- Create A decent work environment and safe for our employees
- Execution An annual plan Health & Safety at Work Staffing EPI
- Health Collaborators: first aid at work, audiometer examination, annual routine visit, Awareness & HIV activities, blood donation, etc.
- Awareness Eco-gestures environmental events (Dalla Flowers, Banco Drills), use garbage cans, rational use of water and electricity, etc.

- **Environmental Responsibility**

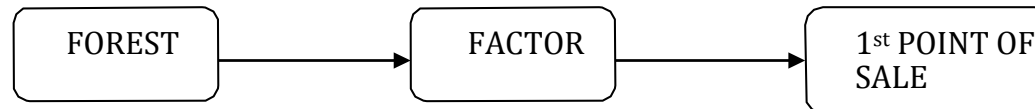
- We Have 12 areas of forestry for about 385 000 ha.
- We Coupons about 10 000 trees reforest 200 hectares and planting 60,000 trees per year
- Since 1995 we have reforested 4,000 hectares and planted 1.2 million trees.
- Collection Waste place / trimming, Valuation for steam production (wood boiler).

## 1. Definition



OLB means Origin and Legality of Timber. It is a **legality certificate** is issued by the firm Bureau VERITAS.

- This certification meets the standards for establishing **traceability from the tree cutting in the forest, through the plant, until the first point of sale.**



- A system of wood Chain of OLB is in place to ensure the traceability of forest products. Its base is a permanent marking and identification of each ball and each lumber

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Bois © Bureau Veritas  
Certification"

"Exploitation Forestière  
certifiée par un organisme  
indépendant selon le  
système OLB qui permet  
d'assurer la légalité et la  
traçabilité des bois jusqu'à  
leur première  
transformation"

## 2. Interest of Certificate OLB

- **Certificate OLB makes it possible to guarantee to the customers:**
  - It respect of the application of the legislation in Ivory Coast concerning the activities of the companies: forestry development, forestry holding, environment, hygiene, health, occupational safety, taxation, labor law, supply and export of the products wood.
  - The geographic origin of wood (transformed barks and wood) compared to the system of traceability implemented by Tranchivoire.
- **Certificate OLB allows Tranchivoire:**
  - To reinforce the access to markets of export where the proof of the legality of the origin of wood is essential. Ex: Regulation on the Wood of the European Union (2013) – France JORF n°0059 text n° 79 (March 2016)
  - To improve its procedures of work in forests and to the Factory, with a positive impact on the health and the security of his/her collaborators, like in its relationship with the local communities
  - To dissociate itself in the sector wood in Africa, dominated by the informal economy, by guaranteeing the respect of the legal requirements and tax.

## 3. The requirements of the certificate OLB

- The company must be **legally established and update its tax obligations**
- It must demonstrate compliance with **the duties applicable to forest operations**, e.g.
  - The exploited forest area is legally classified as timberlands
  - She masters the limits of its scope
  - Regulatory logging requirements and / or recommended in the forest operations planning document are met
- It must demonstrate compliance with labor law, e.g.
  - Compliance with laws and regulations on **hiring and employment**, non-discrimination, etc.
  - Safety and health policy at work in compliance with regulations, drawn up in consultation with employees

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- It must **meet the requirements for local communities affected by the forestry** activities such as:
  - Carry out a social impact assessment based on the scale and intensity of management and operations of logging and the sensitivity of the social context.
- It must **comply with environmental requirements**, such as:
  - Demonstrate compliance with national laws, regulations and other administrative requirements for the environmental aspects.
  - Compliance with environmental regulatory requirements regarding water, air, soil, biodiversity, energy, noise, waste wherever applicable.
  - Compliance with regulations applicable to classified installations
  - Waste generated is treated appropriately, etc.
- It must define and implement:
  - - **A system to get rid of any illegal logging**
  - - **An organization system for the traceability of wood to their sale or processing**

## 4. Implementation of the approach

- **The process of Governance**

- A commitment at the top of the corporate governance: the GIOSTRA family;
- Practical Assessment of the company with an independent third party
- Establishment of an organization where responsibilities are identified and clearly defined tasks.
- A designated employee for the implementation and monitoring of the organization necessary to meet the requirements of this standard.
- The involved employees in the system put in place were formed
- The staff knows and understands its specific responsibilities for the rule of law and maintaining the traceability of wood.
- Establishment of a documented system for the registration, sale and invoicing of OLB products

- **In factory**

- Strengthening HQSE practices within the company
- Installation software that helps manage log entries (from PEF), processing and sales: the factory traceability



# OLB approach

- In forest

- Developed an environmental impact study of our forestry areas, declined in the action plan and grouped into 14 records of environmental measures.
- A manager is responsible for the implementation of environmental measures on the perimeters.
- A manager is responsible for monitoring the measures and a charge control or charge of monitoring compliance with the measures.
- We have strengthened the steps of logging:
  - Prospecting tree species of the operating site with the help of a guide appointed by the leadership
  - Drafting the list of farmers who are available to negotiate the woods prospected in their planting.
  - Negotiations with the leadership of the chief town instead of the operating site.
  - Signing agreements with chieftainship of the village.
  - Certified copy of the agreement to the prefect, sub-prefect and head of cantonment of water and forests of the locality.
  - Moving machinery and staff with start of operations.

## conclusions & outlook

- **The OLB certification is essential to strengthen sustainable forest management mechanisms:**
  - Ensures the legality of sources contributing to the fight against illegal logging
  - Strengthening the local presence of Tranchivoire and the inclusion of local communities
  - Strengthening sustainable development practices within the company
- **However this is an additional charge for goodwill companies.**
  - It is desirable that the state encourages all businesses to certification
  - Incentives could accompany this process by an innovative tax scheme; tax cuts wood, ground rent for certified companies, etc.
- Furthermore the actions of the State with the European Union under the FLEGT project are welcome to impose on all industrial operators of the forest and wood sector.



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