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Dear Mr. Grazer:

This letter serves as a follow up to your request for information pertaining to ~~the~~  
~~CITES permits from Brazil for bigleaf mahogany.~~ Please refer to paragraph 5 and to  
the Table No. 5 of the enclosed fax, dated June 2, 2002, from Mr. Romulo Mello,  
President of the Brazilian Management Authority (IBAMA) to Mr. John Stellar, Senior  
Enforcement Officer with the CITES Secretariat's office in Geneva, Switzerland. That  
fax verifies the issuance by IBAMA and CITES export permit numbers  
~~00111001977, and 00111001978.~~ Both permits were issued to the ~~importer, Ciba~~  
~~Switzerland,~~ for shipments of bigleaf mahogany veneers destined to the United States.

Please feel free to contact me at Area Code (301) 734-8295, or Mr. John Arcery at Area  
Code (718) 553-1732, if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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**MENSAGEM/TEXT**

Dear Mr. John M. Sellar,

May I refer to my previous fax dated the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2002, addressed to you, regarding clarification of Brazilian CITES permits which accompanied shipments of *Swietenia macrophylla* (bigleaf mahogany) lumber exported from Brazil to several Parties, especially in relation to the legal origin of the wood included in each of those shipments.

2. Again, this Presidency wishes to express its appreciation to CITES Secretariat, especially to yourself, for recognizing the effort that is being put forward by IBAMA in order to clarify this matter related to exports of mahogany after IBAMA's issuing Regulatory Order n° 17/2001 (IN n° 17/2001).

**THE ORIGIN OF THE WOOD EXPORTED UNDER INJUNCTION ORDERS**

3. As far as origin of the wood contained in each of those abovementioned shipments is concerned, recent survey carried out has disclosed to us some very important information. It must be mentioned that this particular survey was set per exporting company, their respective volume and whether or not their timber comes from a regular Sustainable Forest Management Plan - PMFS.

4. The conclusions, which are also going to be sent via the diplomatic channels, show clearly, in terms of volume and for each exporting company, what is officially considered by this Institute as obtained from known and legal origin, which is from Sustainable Forest Management Plan - PMFS.

5. ~~The following information is for your information only and does not constitute an official statement of the Institute. It is intended to be used by you for your own records.~~

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**LEGEND:**

**Types - Expresses the type of processed timber exported.**

- LM: Veneer;
- MS: Sawn Wood;
- APR: Lumber Wood Recovered

6. [REDACTED] ... origin confirmed by IBAMA. [REDACTED] ... origin of such [REDACTED] is not confirmed by [REDACTED] ... legally obtained, as required in Article V, paragraph 2 (a) of the Convention.

7. The work, in terms of surveying the volume of legal origin, is already finished for the abovementioned exporting companies. Exception applies only in the case of Laminort (Table n° 10), for which IBAMA's technical team so far could not have access to its complete judicial process. There might be still other shipments leaving Brazilian ports as injunctions were ordered to include specific stocks presented by each company in their demands. Since the exports have not yet included the total amount ordered, few companies still have a balance which might enable them to go on exporting under the same judicial order.

8. [REDACTED] ... In fact, [REDACTED]

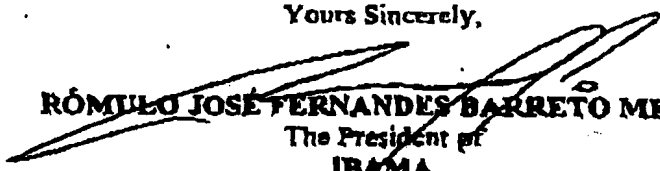
9. It must be mentioned that IBAMA is, as from now, also taking all the internal law enforcement measures necessary to accomplish the penalties associated with such behavior, besides sending these results to become part of their respective judicial processes.

10. In order to make it clear once more, as far CITES Management Authorities in Brazil are concerned, this Presidency states that everything else but mahogany's information remain the same as it has been so far.

11. I also confirm and ratify that a copy of a similar to this message - which was originally sent to the CITES Management Authority of the United States of America, dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2002 - has been sent to the Secretary General of the CITES Secretariat (Mr. Willem Wijnstekers) in order to clarify and to accomplish CITES legal requirements.

This Presidency once again deeply acknowledges the great demonstration of collaborative work that became clear between our two organizations. May we wish that this cooperation will go on, and so may your organization count on the good will from this end too.

Yours Sincerely,

  
**RÔMULO JOSÉ FERNANDES BARRETO MELLO**  
 The President of  
**IBAMA**

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TABLE N° 1

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M)
MIRANTE EXP. E COM. LTDA	20/12/01	01BR15001293	64,900	MS	USA	
	20/12/01	01BR15001297	98,200	MS	USA	
	20/12/01	01BR15001298	130,100	MS	USA	
	20/12/01	01BR15001295	138,111	MS	USA	
	20/12/01	01BR15001294	125,712	MS	USA	
	08/01/02	02BR15001303	121,854	MS	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/01/02	02BR15001302	90,838	MS	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/01/02	02BR15001304	81,978	MS	DOMINICAN REP	
	25/01/02	02BR15001320	891,768	MS	USA	
	25/01/02	02BR15001321 / 1322	209,839	MS	DOMINICAN REP	
01/02/02	02BR15001352	87,844	MS	USA		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1864,373</b>			<b>846,769</b>

TABLE N° 2

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M)
TAPAJOS TIMBER	24/01/02	02BR15001326	841,111	MS	USA	
	25/01/02	02BR15001328 / 1329	1007,782	MS	USA	
	28/01/02	02BR15001327	261,471	MS	ENGLAND	
	28/01/02	02BR15001325	483,591	MS	USA	
	28/01/02	02BR15001324	112,782	MS	USA	
	28/01/02	02BR15001329	473,982	MS	USA	
	08/03/02	02BR15001381	483,408	MS	USA	
	08/03/02	01BR15001374	139,885	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/03/02	01BR15001374	167,431	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/03/02	01BR15001374	87,701	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/03/02	01BR15001373	16,455	APR	USA	
	08/03/02	01BR15001375	198,718	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/03/02	01BR15001376	310,120	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	08/03/02	01BR15001374	185,281	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	18/03/02	01BR15001378	138,304	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	23/04/02	02BR15001387	352,886	MS	USA	
	23/04/02	02BR15001387	118,183	APR	USA	
	05/05/02	02BR15001388	241,828	MS	USA	
	05/05/02	02BR15001388	68,812	APR	USA	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6884,728</b>			<b>5728,643</b>

TABLE N° 3

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M)
SERRARIA COTIA IND. E COM. LTDA	22/01/02	02BR15001353	151,271	MS	USA	
	22/01/02	02BR15001354	471,878	MS	USA	
	24/01/02	02BR15001323	630,289	MS	USA	
	02/02/02	02BR15001358	522,700	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
	02/02/02	02BR15001358	199,189	APR	DOMINICAN REP	
31/01/02	02BR15001359 / 1360	1858,988	APR	DOMINICAN REP		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3554,877</b>			<b>1652,888</b>

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TABLE N° 4

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
JATIBA COM. E EXP. LTDA	24/01/02	02BR15001307 through 1318	300,000	MS	GERMANY	
	28/01/02	02BR15001330 through 1350	430,000	MS	HOLAND	
	28/01/02	02BR15001351 / 1355	1534,000	MS	USA	
	15/02/02	01BR15001382	780,538	MS	USA	
	15/02/02	01BR15001371	885,882	MS	USA	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3785,860</b>			<b>2188,064</b>

TABLE N° 5

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)	
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>  * }	27/2/2002	01BR15001368	25,171	LM	USA		
	27/2/2002	01BR15001369	23,201	LM	USA		
	27/2/2002	01BR15001370	3,257	LM	USA		
	8/3/2002	01BR15001372	7,541	LM	DENMARK		
	18/3/2002	02BR15001383	2,690	LM	ITALY		
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	10/4/2002	02BR15001384	7,847	LM	USA		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>180,746</b>			<b>180,748</b>	

TABLE N° 6

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
SELECTAG MADEIRAS LTDA	21/12/2001	02BR15001298	2,201	LM	VENEZUELA	
	21/12/2001	02BR15001299	79,721	LM	CANADA	
	8/2/2002	02BR15001357	27,262	LM	USA	
	14/2/2002	02BR15001357	8,808	LM	KOREA	
	14/2/2002	02BR15001388	5,489	LM	BELGIUM	
	27/3/2002	02BR15001381	107,188	LM	CANADA	
	27/3/2002	02BR15001382	108,845	LM	USA	
	23/4/2002	02BR15001385	0,811	LM	FRANCE	
	2/5/2002	02BR15001389	7,870	LM	DOMINICAN REP	
	8/5/2002	02BR15001391	38,884	LM	USA	
	8/5/2002	02BR15001390	38,890	LM	USA	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>628,448</b>			<b>628,448</b>

TABLE N° 7

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	Nº. CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
BIANCHINI & GERAFIM LTDA.	19/2/2002	BR0241801488	325,382	MS	USA	
	19/2/2002	BR0241801489	288,150	MS	USA	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>613,532</b>			<b>142,112</b>

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**TABLE N° 8**

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	N° CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
SELECTAS S/A IND. COM. DE MADEIRAS	17/1/2002	BR0241901473	36,809	LM	USA	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901474	37,813	LM	USA	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901475	20,468	LM	GERMANY	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901476	11,826	LM	ENGLAND	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901477	22,984	LM	USA	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901478	2,445	LM	ITALY	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901479	6,32	LM	ITALY	
	17/1/2002	BR0241901480	18,048	LM	USA	
	20/1/2002	BR0241901480	8,598	LM	VENEZUELA	
	8/2/2002	BR0241901487	13,879	LM	GERMANY	
	14/2/2002	BR0241901488	35,793	LM	USA	
	20/2/2002	BR0241901500	22,893	LM	USA	
	22/2/2002	BR0241901502	36,456	LM	USA	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>286,388</b>		

**TABLE N° 9**

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	N° CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
SERRARIA MARADARA IND. COM. E EXP. LTDA	20/12/2001	02BR15001301 / 1305	811,481	MS	ENGLAND	
	26/12/2001	02BR15001305	213,299	MS	USA	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1024,780</b>			<b>1824,760</b>

**TABLE N° 10**

EXPORTING COMPANY	DATE	N° CITES	EXPORT (M³)	TYPE	DESTINY	LEGAL ORIGIN (M³)
LAMINORT IND. COM. DE MADEIRAS	30/1/2002	BR0241901481	18,935	LM	USA	
	30/1/2002	BR0241901482	8,943	LM	USA	
	30/1/2002	BR0241901483	36,484	LM	CANADA	
	30/1/2002	BR0241901484	18,083	LM	USA	
	30/1/2002	BR0241901485	34,597	LM	CANADA	
	14/2/2002	BR0241901489	18,184	LM	ITALY	
	14/2/2002	BR0241901490	2,889	LM	ITALY	
	14/2/2002	BR0241901491	16,487	LM	ITALY	
	14/2/2002	BR0241901492	20,836	LM	USA	
	15/2/2002	BR0241901493	12,148	LM	USA	
	15/2/2002	BR0241901494	8,133	LM	USA	
	15/2/2002	BR0241901495	17,282	LM	USA	
	15/2/2002	BR0241901496	38,779	LM	CANADA	
	18/2/2002	BR0241901497	118,014	LM	USA	
	20/2/2002	BR0241901501	32,138	LM	USA	
	22/2/2002	BR0241901503	18,893	LM	CHINA	
	28/2/2002	BR0241901504	35,353	LM	USA	
	28/2/2002	BR0241901505	22,657	LM	USA	
	28/2/2002	BR0241901506	27,348	LM	USA	
	8/3/2002	BR0241901507	20,478	LM	USA	
	8/3/2002	BR0241901508	1,753	LM	SPAIN	
	8/3/2002	BR0241901509	20,183	LM	USA	
	8/3/2002	BR0241901510	8,898	LM	GERMANY	
	8/3/2002	BR0241901511	8,341	LM	BELGIUM	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>687,819</b>			

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