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**FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION ACT
(Cap. 40)****FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION
(EXEMPTION) (MBAITI LAND) ORDER 2011**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 4(1)(c) of the Act, I make this Order –

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Exemption) (Mbaiti land) Order 2011, and commences on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

Felling and removal of trees

2. (1) The felling of trees and removal of timber and timber products from an area approved under subparagraph (2) in the Mbaiti land in the Western Province for the purposes of agricultural development and reforestation on Mbaiti land are exempted from the provisions of section 4 of the Act.

(2) No clear felling shall be undertaken under subparagraph (1) unless the Commissioner gives prior written approval of the area to be cleared subject to the following conditions –

- (a) the area to be cleared for agricultural development and reforestation to be clearly marked on a map given to the Commissioner, which shall not at any one time exceed one hundred (100) hectares;
- (b) no extension for additional area to be cleared to be granted until the agricultural development or reforestation has been done in the approved area already cleared to the satisfaction of the Commissioner and the Ministry responsible for Agriculture;

- (c) other conditions necessary to implement the agricultural development or reforestation, as the Commissioner may impose.

(3) A person who contravenes this paragraph is deemed to have committed an offence under section 4 of the Act, as if the exemption were not granted under this Order.

MADE AT HONIARA this day of September, 2011.

HON. BRADLEY TOVOSIA
Minister for Forestry