

WOOD MATERIALS AREA TILL THE YEAR 2010

THE PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the Law on Organization of the Government of September 30, 1992;

Pursuant to the Regulation on Investment and Construction Management issued together with Decree No.92/CP of August 23, 1997 of the Government;

At the proposals of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (in Report No.4277/NN-KH-TT of November 25, 1997) and the Ministry of Planning and Investment (in Report No.3350/BKH-VPTD of May 19, 1998)

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To approve the planning for forestrial development of the North-Eastern pit-prop wood materials area till the year 2010 with the following principal contents:

1. The objectives:

- To build an area for stable and long-term production and supply of pit-prop wood on the basis of developing the land resources, through intensive afforestation with trees that give high efficiency and yields so as to meet the coal industry's pit-prop demand till the year 2010;

- To attract labor force for the production of and trading in pit-props, thus contributing to the improvement of the local people's living conditions.

- Together with the solution of building and developing forestry in the region, to increase the forest coverage to 55% by the year 2010, thus contributing to the protection of the ecological environment.

2. The area planned for afforestation belongs to Quang Ninh, Lang Son, Thai Nguyen, Bac Giang and Bac Can provinces.

3. The scale:

- The total acreage planned for afforestation: 94,000 hectares

Of which: For planting of pit-prop materials forests: 56,000 hectares

For planting of protective forests within the

DECISION No. 149/1998/QĐ-TTg OF AUGUST 21, 1998 ON THE PLANNING FOR FORESTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH-EASTERN PIT-PROP

project's area: 37,600 hectares

To supply pit-props for the coal industry: about 225,000 m³ by the year 2000 and about 255,000 m³ by the year 2010.

4. The implementation duration: from 1998 to 2010.

5. The total investment capital for planting of pit-prop wood materials forests is VND 330,287 million, of which:

- Capital borrowed from preferential credit sources for planting of production forests under Decision No.661/QĐ-TTg of July 29, 1998 of the Prime Minister: VND 230,278 million.

- Capital lent by the coal branch to the Vietnam Forestry Corporation as preferential loans for afforestation: VND 100,000 million.

Article 2.- The plan for organizing the execution of the planning:

- To assign the Vietnam Forestry Corporation to act as the main supplier of pit-props to meet the production demand of the Vietnam Coal Corporation and also as the manager of the investment project for pit-prop forest planting.

- To assign the Vietnam Coal Corporation to coordinate with the People's Committee of Quang Ninh province in organizing the afforestation on the whole area planned for pit-prop forest planting in Quang Ninh province and to support the investment by providing preferential loans for afforestation.

- For the area planned for pit-prop wood afforestation in the other provinces of the North-Eastern region, the Vietnam Forestry Corporation shall invest capital for afforestation together with investment support in form of preferential loans from the Vietnam Coal Corporation.

Article 3.- On the basis of the approved planning, the Vietnam Forestry Corporation shall have to coordinate with the People's Committees of the provinces in the North-Eastern region planned for pit-prop forest development in drawing up detailed planning and determining the specific location for pit-prop forest planting in each province in line with planning for forestry development in service of other targets.

Article 4.- To assign the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to direct the Vietnam Forestry Corporation in studying and proposing to the Prime

Minister for promulgation the mechanism, policy and model of pit-prop production and supply, as well as the technological and techno-scientific solutions, in order to rationally use the investment capital, ensure the socio-economic efficiency, national security and defense and create a sustainable ecological environment in the North-Eastern region planned for pit-prop forest planting.

Article 5.- This Decision takes effect 15 days after its signing. The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Minister of Industry, the Minister of Planning and Investment, the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment, the Minister of Finance, the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, the presidents of the People's Committees of Quang Ninh, Lang Son, Thai Nguyen, Bac Giang and Bac Can provinces, the General Director of the Vietnam Coal Corporation, the General Director of the Vietnam Forestry Corporation and the heads of the concerned agencies shall have to implement this Decision.

Prime Minister
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