PRESS RELEASE

New Executive Director Appointed for EUSTAFOR

The Executive Committee has appointed **Mr. Piotr Borkowski** as the new Executive Director of EUSTAFOR, effective September 1, 2012.

Mr. Borkowski has a long experience of forestry and forest-related policy issues, working most recently as a Policy Officer in Forestry for DG Agriculture and Rural Development at the European Commission. He has previously held high-level positions with – amongst others - the General Directorate of State Forests in Poland, the Liaison Unit Warsaw of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, and the Forestry Department of the Polish Ministry of the Environment.

EUSTAFOR's members represent one third of the EU forest area, including large protected areas, and employ approximately 100.000 people. Mr. Borkowski's main task within EUSTAFOR will be to promote the common interests of European state-owned forest management organizations, companies, enterprises, agencies and administrations. He will be responsible for supporting these organizations in their goal to strengthen economically viable yet sustainable forest management and wood production.

Following a tenure of over 3 years, the current Executive Director, Mr. Martin Lindell, will return to Sweden to meet new challenges.

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