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Interforest, Ltd.

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One of the leading forestry companies in Central America, Interforest is dedicated to sustainable forestry management practices. Interforest has earned Forest Stewardship Council certification for its reforestation activities which ensures that its plantations are managed according to agreed upon social and environmental standards. In 2008, Interforest merged with EcoForest S.A., a Grupo Ecos company (www.grupoecos.com).

Guatemala has suffered from rampant and widespread environmental degradation. Experts estimate that since the early 1990s, the country has lost approximately one-third of its forests. Road building and slash-and-burn agriculture have contributed to large-scale erosion and soil loss, leaving many areas vulnerable to flash floods and mudslides.

Interforest's environmentally and socially responsible business model is helping to stem this tide of destruction. The company is collaborating with other tree farms to guarantee a sustainable forest corridor along the sierra where it operates.

Interforest, seeks to engage local communities in social development projects providing environmental education, jobs, access to firewood, and technical assistance for subsistence and commercial crops. This commitment to both environmental and social concerns has made Interforest a model for the forestry industry throughout the region. The Company expects to scale-up its environmental and social endeavors in light of its merger with Grupo Ecos.

EcoEnterprises Fund co-financed this investment with the Banco Industrial de Guatemala and the project principals.

Date Invested: July 31, 2003

Current Status as of December 2008: In operation. Interforest aims for greater economies of scale by increasing forestry land under management. The company will grow through reforestation activities and acquisition.