

**Translation of Petition Letter to the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction. Handed in 12 January 2018**

Hereby we would like to decline and annul our thumbprints which were printed on an agreement with local authorities and Delcom, who forced us, coerced us and cheated us into thumb-printing a document which read, that we were farming on part of the company 's land . This intimidation, coercion and cheating took place from 17 July to the 3 August 2016.

We would like to inform the minister that from these days above, Village Chief Ouk Nga forced coerced and cheated us into thumb-printing an agreement which read: – we are farming on company land. That document was then corroborated by commune officials, commune chief Prak Thom and a representative of Delcom who also corroborated. Dear minister, with utmost respect your excellency , we are illiterate , we did not know about the meaning of that agreement and also due to the threats by the village and commune authorities, we then succumbed and agreed to thumbprint the that agreement. Therefore in accordance to the law, any agreement which has been obtained through forcible coercion, cheating and taking advantage of has to be declared annulled in its entirety.

We think that this behaviour by the village and commune officials, especially village and commune chiefs was done for their own personal benefit and has had a severe impact on the reputation of their senior authorities at the top echelons of the government and could have had an impact on the Prime Minister too. Who has always upheld the interests of local communities.

Therefore we would like you to intervene and go to our village and measure and issue official land titles of the land that belongs to all the villagers in the villages of in order to manage our land and continue farming. We have in the past requested provincial authorities we have asked for the support of provincial authorities on the issue of land titling.

Lastly we as local communities who are victims would like to humbly request your intervention on this issue before the elections in 2018.

Yours