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Dear Sir:

We are writing this letter hoping that your organization will assist us in providing Lamtoro seeds. We are a group of Eritreans living in Norway who are very much concerned about nature conservation in our country. Our country, in addition to the political and economic problems it is experiencing, is also encountering serious environmental changes. The rural communities have always depended for energy on woodfire and the consequence is total deforestation of the landscape, erosion of the soil, shortage of rainfall etc. The current drought is no doubt a result of lack of efforts to conserve nature.

We have read in New Scientist of July 1983 issue, your organization's involvement in the reforestation project in Indonesia. Ever since we learnt the existence of this extraordinary tree we have developed a strong belief that the introduction of the Lamtoro tree may be the only solution to our conservation problem. The first thing we want to do is to try the plantation of this tree on experimental model in various locations of different altitude and climatic condition. We would therefore like to request OXFAM to provide us seeds of this fast growing tree. For this experiment we will need about 500 seeds.

We hope OXFAM will appreciate our concern and we look forward to hear from you.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

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