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wood mainly. They should start planting fast-growing trees and plants which can be used as input for their operations as specified below:

3.1 **Factory category I**, defined as a factory with more than 200 workers, with more than 200 horse power (hp) engines and with high environmental impact, shall plant at least 15 hectares of the forest.

3.2 **Factory category II**, a factory with 51-199 workers and 51-199 hp engines, and having medium environmental impact, shall plant at least 10 hectares.

3.3 **Factory category III**, a factory with 10-50 workers and 5-50 hp engines, and having low environmental impact, shall plant at least 5 hectares.

- Any factories which fail to carry out plantation for their production materials, or operate under-standard or illegally will be ordered to be shut down by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 4) Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and provincial governors shall survey and monitor the natural forests that is affected by deforestation, illegal logging or shifting cultivation and similar causes, and then propose to the Government to be announced as 'Closed Forest' and reforested areas. In addition, [Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and provincial governors] shall survey wild plants in order to ban their exploitation explore them completely.
- 5) Ministries, ministerial equivalent agencies, and provinces including Vientiane Municipality and Special Administration Zone shall strictly implement and monitor this Order and other legislation related to forestry management.
 - Any sector, local authority, or any person who fails to adhere to this order shall be subject to punishment as terms stipulated in the Forestry Law and related laws.
- 6) This Order shall be effective from the date of its signing. Previous orders on forestry which are not in conflict with this Order shall remain valid.

Prime Minister of the Lao PDR

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