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COVER LETTER

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Editorial Board
Of the Land Degradation and Development

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “Humic fractions as indicators of soil organic matter responses to clear-cutting in the mountain and lowland conditions of south-western Poland” with a great hope to be accepted in the *Land Degradation and Development*. The article concerns implications of clear-cutting, as the most common type of forest harvesting worldwide, for the soil organic matter which plays a key role in ensuring stability of the ecosystems. Clear-cutting in various conditions often leads to diminish of soil organic matter. Determining direction of SOM transformation as the effect of this type of harvesting may allow to protect soils, particularly in mountain regions, against C losses and erosion processes. Therefore, we believe that our paper fits the aims and scope of the *Land Degradation and Development*. English language has been corrected by the Proof-Reading-Service.com, Devonshire Business Centre, Works Road, Letchworth Garden City SG6 1GJ, United Kingdom. Attached please find also certificate.

We would welcome your decision to consider our manuscript for publication and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards

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CONFIRMATION:

The manuscript entitled “Humic fractions as indicators of soil organic matter responses to clear-cutting in the mountain and lowland conditions of south-western Poland”, has not been published previously, in whole or in part and it is not under consideration of any other journal. I hereby affirm that authors are aware of, and accept responsibility for the manuscript.

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