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Subject: *Make Wood Work*

This is to follow up on letters I sent to you last July, and again this February, concerning the growing threat to our industry posed by the threatened incineration of our precious forest resource. Enclosed please find a copy of Issue 2 of the *Make Wood Work* bulletin. I hope you will take the time to read and respond to it, and to make your own views on this subject known – perhaps even as if your very job depends on it. Because it might.

This issue has several key, easy to read messages under the following topics:

- **Burning virgin wood - or used wood that has recycling potential - is a waste of a valuable resource.** The message behind *Make Wood Work* is one of recognising the economic and carbon potential of this vital resource. As such, policy should be aimed at maximizing this and **only allowing it to be burnt as fuel at the end of its useful life.**
- **Recently published WWF report** which says that such inefficient use of biomass threatens regional and local desertification in some areas. **Highlights the fact that this is not just a UK issue, or a European issue, but a global issue.**
- **Recent shutdown of the UK Panel Industry** to draw attention to the seriousness of this threat.
- **Energy Minister Barker agrees to meet (again) with Wood Panel industry representatives.** We are hopeful that the Minister and his Department are ready to listen to the facts about unintended consequences of some policy initiatives.
- **Highly supportive actions from an Environmental NGO – Friends of the Earth.**
- Please visit our website: www.makewoodwork.co.uk

Enclosed is a sample letter which we would ask you to use to take specific political action with your local MP by asking them to show their support by signing up to the Early Day Motion (EDM 1788).

This is the link to the EDM: <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-11/1788>

You may wish to engage a number of your colleagues to do likewise.

If you require further information please contact myself or Steve Roebuck, our Director of Health, Safety and Environmental Affairs. Steve is available on 07899067200, steve.roebuck@norbord.net

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Thanks in advance for getting involved in this campaign. It is a life changer.

Yours sincerely

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