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Dear Woodfuel Supplier

REGIONAL WOODFUEL SUPPLIERS FORUM – 21.01.10

I should like to invite you to attend the Regional Woodfuel Suppliers Forum on 21st of January 2010, at Carlshead Farm, Sicklinghall, Harrogate.

This will be the first Regional Woodfuel Suppliers Forum for Yorkshire & the Humber. Bringing together all the regions woodfuel producers (chip, log, briquette and pellet) with the Forestry Commission, Yorkshire Forward and CO2Sense (previously known as Future Energy Yorkshire) representatives to discuss wood as a fuel and what these organisations can do to develop your business and the market.

The agenda is attached, and contains a significant portion of the event for you to talk to us about what you need and what we can do to help the market progress. Gordon Watts of CO2Sense will chair this session. The event format is based on a successful model used elsewhere by the FC and has been found to yield some interesting results.

Please complete the attached registration form and return to me at rudie.humphrey@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or the address above. Also attached is the Biomass Energy Centre's free online listing for woodfuel suppliers. If you are not already listed with them as a supplier can I urge you to do so; it helps us contact and assess the activity in the market and helps you with finding new customers. This can either be returned to me or to the address at the bottom of the listing registration form.

I look forward to see you on the day,



Rudie Humphrey
Regional Woodfuel Co-ordinator
Forestry Commission

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AGENDA

- *10am - Welcome*
Vince Carter, Regional Partnerships Manager, Forestry Commission.
- *10.10 - National Policy*
Renewable Heat Incentive & CPET
Rudie Humphrey, Regional Woodfuel Officer, Forestry Commission.
- *10.30 - Regional Installation Activity*
North & East Yorkshire - Andrew Kitching, Project Officer, Yorwoods.

South Yorkshire, North, and North East Lincolnshire - Robin Ridley, Wood Energy Co-ordinator, South Yorkshire Forest Partnership.

West Yorkshire - Claire Hoyles, Wood Energy Officer, White Rose Forest.
- *10.45 - Funding Opportunities In Y & H*
Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme – Fiona McDermott, Project Officer, CO2Sense.
Farm Resource Efficiency Programme – Vicky Wren, Project Officer, CO2Sense.
Rural Enterprise Investment Programme – Peter Bainbridge, Yorkshire Forward.
- *11.00 - Open Forum*
Round Table Discussion
Chaired by Gordon Watts, Programme Manager, CO2Sense.
- *12.30 - Close & Lunch*
Vince Carter, Regional Partnerships Manager, Forestry Commission.

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DIRECTIONS:

Carlshead Business Centre,
Carlshead Farms, Paddock House Lane, Sicklinghall, Wetherby. Yorks. LS22 4BJ

www.carlshead.co.uk Map:

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Speakers Pen Pictures:

Vince Carter, Regional Partnerships Manager, Forestry Commission.

Vince is the Forestry Commission's Regional Development Manager. He leads on the development of the Regional Forestry Strategy and the Yorkshire Forward funded Capital Programme that is intended to bring an additional £2.9m to the forestry sector over the next three financial years. Key elements of that Programme included woodland creation to reduce flood risk and increased funding to bring woodlands into management.

Rudie Humphrey, Regional Woodfuel Officer, Forestry Commission.

Rudie is the FC's regional officer for woodfuel, with a remit to ensure co-ordinated delivery of regional and national policy. A graduate of both Anglia and Hull Universities (Agriculture & Ecology), he has worked within the DEFRA 'family' for the passed 15 years, in regional, national and EU based roles.

Andrew Kitching, Project Officer, Yorwoods.

Andrew is a Project Officer for Yorwoods, mainly focusing on woodfuel development, and has been developing woodfuel projects across North Yorkshire since 2006. He is now working with a number of partners to develop the supply chain for small to medium scales boilers across the sub regions of North Yorkshire, East Riding, York and Hull as well as working with potential end users to look at potential of woodfuel boiler installations. Andrew is a qualified forester from the Scottish School of Forestry, Inverness.

Robin Ridley, Wood Energy Coordinator, South Yorkshire Forest Partnership.

Robin & SYFP have been promoting the woodfuel agenda since 2002. He has have helped develop the South Yorkshire Wood Energy Cluster of boilers and the woodfuel supply chain in the region. He is now working closely with a number of delivery Partners, within the sub region likely to use up to 8000 tonnes pa of woodfuel by 2011 in small to medium size boilers.

Claire Hoyles, Wood Energy Officer, White Rose Forest.

Claire is the recently appointed White Rose Forest Wood Energy Co-ordinator, she was previously employed in the region with Future Energy Yorkshire in the administration of the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme. She studied Marketing at Hull University, is a passionate environmentalist and is tasked with bring more material to market from West Yorkshire's woodlands along with increasing the uptake of wood heating installations.

Fiona McDermott, Project Manager, CO2Sense.

Fiona is a Physics graduate and has been with CO2Sense since June 2008. As a Project Manager within the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme she manages two funding streams: the Infrastructure Grants funding for woodfuel suppliers and the Boiler

Conversion fund, which promotes woodfuel heating. She also manages the Industrial Pellet Boiler demonstration project. She aims to support both suppliers and users of woodfuel and to encourage uptake of woodfuel heating.

Vicky Wren, Project Manager, CO2Sense.

Vicky is the Farm Resource Efficiency Programme (FREP) Project Manager at CO2Sense Yorkshire. She manages a small capital grants programme designed to help farmers improve the overall economic performance through the introduction of new technology such as renewable heat and power, water efficiency and manure management. After studying Geography at Bournemouth University she worked in the waste management sector for 5 years before recently taking the job at CO2Sense.

Peter Bainbridge, Yorkshire Forward.

Peter heads up the business facing element of Yorkshire Forwards' RDPE offer. He was involved in the design of the current delivery programmes drawing upon firsthand experience of the previous England Rural Development Programme (ERDP 2000-2006). He has spent over 15 years in various MAFF/DEFRA related roles.

Gordon Watts, Programme Manager, CO₂ Sense.

Gordon manages delivery of the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme for CO2Sense Yorkshire, having been in post since September 2009. The programme supports development of the regional woodfuel supply infrastructure and also the uptake of woodfuel fired heating systems and covers a range of activities and market interventions. Gordon originally comes from an industrial background in the steel industry where he addressed product and process development issues. More recently and before joining CO2Sense, Gordon worked for 8 years in the field of environmental management in the glass sector, supported in this role by post graduate degrees in business management and environmental management.

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Registration Form:

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