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PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) & World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) announcement

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sustainable Forest Finance Toolkit now available

Forest degradation is one of the most pressing environmental issues we face. It impacts on the planet's biodiversity and water resources, and is a significant contributor to climate change. Getting the balance right between economic development and deforestation has proven difficult, and the expansion of certified sustainable forestry has been slow. This is an issue for all companies involved in the supply chain, from forest producers, to traders, processors, end buyers and the banks that finance forestry.

In response to this, we are pleased to announce a new decision support tool to help financial institutions manage risk and support sustainable forest management through their investments in forestry operations and in industries that impact forests.

The toolkit has undergone an extensive review by stakeholders – including a range of finance and asset management institutions, forestry companies, non-government organizations and intergovernmental bodies.

It draws on a wide range of existing information resources, guidelines and tools relating to sustainable finance and sustainable forestry with this sector. It pulls these resources together into an easy-to-use interactive PDF that allows users to navigate the document and access external information using embedded links. The toolkit covers New Finance Applications, Forestry Portfolio Management, Policy Development and Procurement and includes extensive appendices.

PwC led the development of this resource, which is hosted on the PwC website. It will be regularly updated to accommodate changing circumstances, such as developments associated with reducing deforestation and degradation in developing countries (REDD plus).

For more information, please refer to the accompanying one-page flyer outlining features and benefits. To directly access the tool, please go to www.pwc.co.uk/forestfinancetoolkit

We would greatly appreciate your use of this new resource and its promotion to other forestry and investment stakeholders that have an interest in sustainable forest management.

If you have any comments about the toolkit please contact James Griffiths, WBCSD (griffiths@wbcsd.org) or Chris Knight, PwC (chris.knight@uk.pwc.com).

Yours sincerely,



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