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RE: FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

This is to describe the wood purchasing and forest operations and environmental issues in the production of RaumaCell's fluff pulps for **W.I.P., Italy**. This statement has been prepared to show that fluff pulp and the whole production chain from forest to ready made fluff pulp fulfils the principles of sustainable forestry. The production of pulp is based 100% on renewable raw material resources, i.e. the wood. The wood fibres are fully recyclable and biodegradable and can be composted. The wood species used for fluff production are Norway spruce (*Picea Abies*) and Scots pine (*Pinus Silvestris*). Healthy and well managed forests are the basis for nature's own atmospheric cycle.

The UPM-Kymmene forest management methods used take full account of the biodiversity of species, water pollution control, the landscape and aesthetic and other environmental values. The wood raw material comes from family owned private forests in Finland and no wood material from wood plantations are used. In fact there are no wood plantations in Finland. We also ensure that no wood raw material from old growth forests is used. All forestry operations are controlled by legislation.

We have the PEFC (Pan European Forest Certification) certificates from our raw material suppliers (i.e. UPM-Kymmene own pulp mills and Metsä-Botnia mills) because we purchase the pulp raw material and convert it to fluff pulp at RaumaCell and we do not thus produce the pulp from the beginning.

The situation in forest certification is a little bit confusing because there are 2 competing certification systems, i.e. FSC and PEFC. We would like to inform you that the whole Finnish (and also most European) Forest Industry, not only UPM-Kymmene, has chosen the PEFC system, which is considered more suitable for small private owned forests.

Copies of the PEFC certificates that we have got from our pulp suppliers are enclosed to this statement.

Rauma 126th July 2007

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