

## COLLABORATION WITHIN THE WOOD FUEL SUPPLY CHAIN

### READY FOR TAKE OFF?

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### SEMINAR INCLUDES SITE VISIT TO BIOENERGY HEATING PLANT AT GLENLIVET ESTATE OFFICE



DWP *Harvesting and Marketing*

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**Friday 17 November 2006**

**The Gordon Hotel  
The Square  
Tomintoul  
Moray  
AB37 9ET**

#### **NORTHERN WOODHEAT**

*Northern WoodHeat* is an EU Interregnum 111b Northern Periphery Programme funded project managed by Highland Birchwoods with partners in Scotland, Iceland and Finland. It aims to utilise the experience and strengths of all project partners from the three countries in order to develop sustainable small and medium scale woodfuel supply chains, optimising benefits to local communities.

#### **FINNISH FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (METLA)**

Finnish Forest Research Institute are world leaders in woodfuel research with substantial practical and research experience in forest fuel supply chains. Almost all their forest energy projects have been completed in close relationship with industry and other practical stakeholders of the forest energy sector and this expertise will be transferred to the other partner countries to facilitate the development of forest energy. Existing expertise will be added to and modified during the course of the project using the results of studies undertaken as part of Northern WoodHeat.

#### **NORTH KARELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

*North Karelia University of Applied Sciences* leads the field in practical wood energy education in Finland. It has experience of large natural resource development and training projects. The University has also developed a range of continuing and tertiary forestry education packages, and is interested in adapting the education and e-learning material for forest energy. The University will consult in establishing woodfuel supply chains, run short training courses in Scotland and Iceland and train trainers in all three partner countries. The University has long experience of co-operation with both JOSEK and METLA.

#### **DWP HARVESTING**

*DWP Harvesting* is a partner in Northern WoodHeat and is an independent timber co-operative owned and set up by progressive forest owners in 1987. *DWP's* aim is to maximise short and long term profitability through realising the potential of growers' woodland enterprises. *DWP* has a reputation built on long term relationships with customers and suppliers that facilitates access to markets at all times. *DWP* is active in wood fuel market development and has created a supply chain for delivery of wood chips to heat customers.

## SAOS

Last year SAOS celebrated its centenary of developing co-operative supply groups for agricultural and rural producers throughout Scotland. SAOS provides advice on the formation of co-operatives, business structures and management and represents the interests of producer-owned co-operatives. SAOS is actively investigating the opportunities for growers in the Bioenergy Sector.

## FOREST RESEARCH

Forest Research is the Research Agency of the Forestry Commission and is one of the world's leading centres of research into woodlands and forestry. Forest Research's core roles are to provide the evidence base for UK forestry practices and to support innovation.

## PROGRAMME

0915 – 0945	Registration & Coffee
0945 – 0955	<i>Welcome.</i> Andrew Bradford, Chairman, DWP Harvesting
0955 – 1035	<i>Forest Energy in Europe - Success through co-operation and networking-</i> Dominik Röser, METLA
1035 – 1115	<i>Promoting Entrepreneurship and Bioenergy Utilisation- A Finnish perspective -</i> Asko Puhakka, North Karelia University of Applied Sciences
1115 – 1130	Tea & Coffee
1130 – 1210	<i>New Generation Co-operatives –</i> Bob Yuill, SAOS
1210 – 1250	<i>Successful Group Development of Small &amp; Medium Scale Woodfuel Supply Chains.</i> Andrew Nicol, Director, DWP Harvesting
1250 – 1300	Discussion
1300 – 1345	Buffet Lunch
1345 – 1445	Visit to Glenlivet Estate Office biomass heating boiler
1445 – 1515	<i>Sour felling trial results.</i> Shaun Mochan, Forest Research
1515 – 1525	<i>Scottish Biomass Support Scheme.</i> Rebecca Carr, Woodfuel Officer, Forestry Commission Scotland
1525 – 1545	<i>Woodfuel supply chain: Issues and Challenges.</i> Group Discussion.
1545 – 1610	<i>Woodfuel supply chain: Issues and Challenges.</i> Plenary Discussion.
1610 – 1630	<i>Woodfuel supply chain: Solutions.</i> Group Discussion.
1630 – 1700	<i>Woodfuel supply chain: Solutions.</i> Plenary Discussion.
1700 – 1730	Tea & Coffee.

## HOW TO BOOK

**To reserve a place for the seminar at £35 incl. VAT per delegate which includes coffees/teas and lunch, please complete the booking form.**  
**Fully subsidised places are available for voluntary, community organisations and NGOs based within HIE area.**

**BOOKING FORM**

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I require...

*(please tick appropriate box and enter number)*

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..... subsidised delegate places

I enclose a cheque payable to *DWP Harvesting* to the value of £.....

Name: .....

Affiliation: .....

Address: .....  
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Post Code: .....

E-mail: .....

Name (s) and e-mail (s) of additional delegates:

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