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Dear Rob

INSPECTION OF HARVESTING SITE AT 616 FARM RD, WAIPUKURAU

Thank you for the invitation to meet with you and inspect the recently harvested site at 616 Farm Rd, at Waipukurau on Thursday, 10 February 2011.

As discussed on site, there are some key areas that, from an environmental perspective, are considered important to a pine harvesting operation. These being the control of stormwater, the limiting of slash in and damage to waterways and the placement of slash and other unwanted material.

At the location visited, the (ephemeral) waterways have been left largely clear of slash with slash being left spread over the site as opposed to creating a large slash pile at a skid site. Slash has been placed over the constructed haul tracks to minimise the effect of storm water on these tracks. Tracks have also had cutouts created every 25m or so to control stormwater volumes, and direct stormwater from the tracks. The skid sites have been left in a state where unwanted timber is contained and not pose an environmental issue.

It was pleasing to see a harvesting plan had been prepared for the site that has as a focus, methods of minimising the environmental effects of such an operation. I understand that this is standard practice for all of PF Olsen Ltd harvesting operations.

Forestry harvesting has generally had a chequered history when it comes to care for the environment, however there is now an expectation that harvesting companies will be more proactive in this area. It appears PF Olsen Ltd have taken a positive approach to minimising the environmental impact of harvesting at this site for which I congratulate them.

Yours sincerely



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