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**Applications and Assessment: Hazardous Substances  
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**Submission to EPA regarding the additional information requested  
from and supplied by Draslovka; APPLICATION APP202804  
Applicant response to WGTO10 25-3-2020**

**Introduction**

Matariki Forests (Matariki) is a New Zealand registered unlimited liability forestry joint venture company incorporated in 2005 and is owned by Rayonier Inc (76.99%) and Stafford Capital Partners Ltd (23.01%). It manages approximately 119,000 hectares of plantation forests, directly or indirectly employs approximately 700 people and is a significant log supplier to the domestic wood processing industry and exporter of logs into Asian markets.

**Submission**

Matariki believes the use of EDN fumigant for wood and timber products must be safe for operational workers and the public.

New Zealand log and timber exporters need an alternative for methyl bromide and EDN is scientifically proven to be safe and effective for fumigating NZ logs and wood products.

Matariki currently exports approximately

- 1.6 million tonnes annually to China and 233,000 tonnes to India
- 21% of Matariki's exports in an average year are treated with methyl bromide and will need to be treated with EDN.

Matariki's exports are sourced from Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Canterbury and Otago/Southland regions and exported through Northport, Port of Tauranga, Port of Napier, Port of Lyttelton, Primeport Timaru and Southport, Bluff. Currently Matariki is restricted to

fumigating in Northport, Port of Tauranga and Port of Napier however using EDN it is feasible to fumigate in Southern Ports as well spreading the concentration of fumigation use away from north island ports only.

Matariki believes the additional information provided by Draslovka scientifically proves EDN is effective and safe for fumigating logs and wood products in **ships holds, containers and on land under covers**.

Matariki believes it is essential EDN can be used in ships holds and containers as well as under shore-based covers to be a practical and cost effective option for export logs.

Specifically:

- EDN be approved for fumigating logs and wood products in ships holds
- EDN be approved for fumigating logs and wood products in containers
- EDN be approved for fumigating logs and wood products in covered stacks

Matariki fully supports and endorses the original submission and additional information supplied by Draslovka

If you have any queries in relation to this submission, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours Faithfully

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**Marketing Director**