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Tauranga Moana Fumigant Action Group, (TMFAG), is an incorporated society made up of people from Communities, Unions, Iwi, and workers that live work and reside in and around the Port of Tauranga and the wider Bay of Plenty region. Our driving principle is derived from our statement “Kia hiwa nga tuku”, vigilant on all sides.

> TMFAG are vehemently opposed to the continuation of fumigation in its current form for logs to India post October 28, 2020 because of the following.

> Communities, port users, Iwi, and workers have been patient for 10 years with the knowledge that recapture, if available, would be utilised by October 28, 2020. Failing that, suitable alternative solutions would be found before the deadline.

> The continuation of fumigation without recapture to 5 ppm, post October 28, 2020 would remove the trust and confidence that our Unions, Iwi, Communities, People, and workers currently have to all related parties regarding Methyl Bromide.

> Our collective patience and tolerance would be further undermined given the following.

Nordiko, the company that currently has re-capture technology, appears to be sidelined and stone walled by certain forestry industries and STIMBR. Nordiko has the recapture technology in New Zealand ready to utilise now, yet the industry seems focused on continuing with venting Methyl Bromide to the atmosphere for the logs to India and seem to be refusing to engage with Nordiko. We collectively say it is time that STIMBR and certain forestry industries stop holding EPA, Government, Iwi, Communities, People, and workers to ransom under the false pretence that there is nothing else to do, and no other alternative available.

> Nordiko have been ready and waiting for over 5 years now, to prove that their recapture technology works here in New Zealand.

> It is no coincidence that STIMBR has waited to the last minute asking for extensions on one hand and stopping a public recapture test to occur on the other.

> In addition, TMFAG are now aware of a possible dedicated fumigation building proposal,(Rangiuru Park) to not only recapture, but to reuse Methyl Bromide.

> We collectively see possible solutions to the debacle concerning the continued use of Methyl Bromide for logs post October 28, 2020. This falls in line with the Enviroment Court findings and also maintaining New Zealands’ commitment to the Montreal Peotocol for Methyl Bromide.

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