

## **XCut Logging Ltd**

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I manage a small forest contract outfit which complies of a harvester and forwarder and employs 3 people , This represents an investment in the most modern machinery from John Deere forestry that we can get in order to remain compliant in all areas of our work , at a cost to the company of nearly €800,000 plus VAT .. I've been working in forestry for nearly 30 yrs and now that is in danger because of this needless backlog in issuing felling licences and planting and roadworks .. the industry is being held to ransom by a few that just throw out unfounded theories that they just pull out of the air in order to stop both the planting and cutting of Sitka spruce .. one of their arguments not to plant is that there is no bio diversity in a Sitka plantation and then on the other hand they object to felling because of damage to natural habitat .. both these arguments contradict each other .. In short this mess has to be sorted very quickly or the industry will be brought to a halt and 12000 plus people will be seeking unemployment.. .. thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully you can get this issue resolved soon.

Kind regards  
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