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Forest inherited - what now? Stora Enso Wood Procurement gives tips on new homepage

Advice for new forest owners and information about Stora Enso services now available online

Ybbs an der Donau, 19/11/2015: **People who inherit a forest are faced with many questions: What rights and obligations do forest owners have? What condition is the forest in? Is there any access via forest roads? What's the best way to maintain and manage the forest? The Stora Enso Wood Procurement team now offers useful information at www.storaensowald.at. In addition, forest owners can get advice on the latest forestry standards for forestry management and wood utilisation, and seek help, on request, for tackling common problems, such as identifying plot boundaries, forestry authority procedures or organising timber yards.**



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Consulting, comprehensive year-round service and checklist for forest owners

As a leading wood processing company, Stora Enso sees itself as a logical point of contact for both large-scale forest owners and forest enterprises, but also for anyone who wants to exercise their responsibility as a private forest owner, without being fully employed in forestry themselves. Especially for the growing group of so-called "new forest owners", who often have no commercial interest in their forest, Stora Enso offers a range of comprehensive year-round services for forest maintenance and management.



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One particularly attractive service is the so-called stock purchase, in which selected service providers take care of the entire timber harvesting, from professional felling to removal. Forest owners can then review and monitor all measurement data protocols via a specialised web platform. Once the logs are delivered to Stora Enso, forest owners receive a credit for the proceeds less the timber harvesting costs.

"In forest maintenance and management, we focus on sustainability and optimal yield value. Which is why we work with selected felling companies, most of whom have partnered with Stora Enso for many years, to take care of the professional timber harvesting and forest maintenance. For owners who want to profit from the proceeds of their forest without any effort, we also offer multi-year forest management contracts", explains Norbert Hüttler, Director Wood Procurement for Central Europe at Stora Enso.

The experts at Stora Enso Wood Procurement have summarised the most important questions for new forest owners in a checklist for forest maintenance and management, complete with key terms and possible contact partners. If you are interested, you can download the checklist for free on the new homepage, www.storaensowald.at (other language versions will follow during 2016).

Sustainability ensured by certification and Supplier Code of Conduct

Like the entire company, also Wood Procurement at Stora Enso is focused on sustainability. Accordingly, Stora Enso only purchases wood from certified or sustainably-managed forests, and promotes forestry practices that are oriented towards sustainability. Further processing of raw materials is subject to a rigorous system of traceability along the wood supply chain, which is independently audited in accordance with FSC and PEFC certification schemes.

Stora Enso also demands the same environmental and occupational safety standards from partner companies and suppliers. The so-called "Supplier Code of Conduct" defines the fundamental policies and guidelines that underlie all global supplier relationships. With this standardised document, both suppliers and Stora Enso commit to observing all local laws and regulations, and exercising special care in the areas of environmental impact, human rights and labour laws, as well as health and safety.

"Conserving the forest's ecosystem is a priority for us. Therefore, we help forest owners to manage their forest in accordance with the latest standards. In addition, we guarantee quick and clear processing, fair market prices, and rapid and secure payment for forest owners", says Hüttler.

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