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Dear Mr. O'Leary,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 25 February 2007 and for sharing your concerns with us. We will contact the IFCI immediately to ask them to provide us with some clarification and a formal response on the issues and concerns you are raising.

We will contact you with a more thorough answer once we have received clarification from the working group.

I also would like to let you know that FSC is following the development of the situation in Ireland very closely and that we will make sure that any standard developed in Ireland has the full support of all stakeholders before it is endorsed by the FSC, in line with FSC accreditation requirements.

We would appreciate if you could keep us updated on the developments. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further clarification and information.

Best regards,

Heiko Liedeker
Executive Director

cc. Irish Forest Certification Initiative
Mr. Grant Rosoman, Chair of the FSC Board of Directors