An introduction to the Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SPB) (former IWPB - Initiative of Wood Pellet Buyers)

Developing an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable value chain for solid woody biomass that contributes to a low-carbon economy

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Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP)
Sustainability is a prerequisite for further growth of solid woody biomass in energy use

Current situation
- Supply chain for solid biomass is growing internationally as Europe demands more biomass in large scale power generation
- There is a need to develop a viable solution to meet compliance needs as a EU member's regulatory requirements grow
- Public, government and regulatory stakeholders are looking towards industry to ensure sustainable biomass sourcing

SBP's contribution to the biomass industry

Unify existing industry practises
- Create a single, robust sustainability assurance framework, initially legislatively driven, for adoption across industry

Develop the supply chain for solid woody biomass
- Unlock investments and create a (more) liquid biomass market

Create a broadly accepted assurance framework
- Involve stakeholders in developing framework and potentially evolving into a multi-stakeholder partnership
History & Context
Originally created as IWPB to facilitate intercompany trading of solid woody biomass
Transition to Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP)

SBP current members:
Critical market players in biomass use for large scale power generation

SBP today and tomorrow:

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Governance:
- To be incorporated as not-for-profit organization
- Board established as key decision-making body
- Assurance Framework Development Group (AFDG) focusing on developing Assurance Framework
- Independent Sounding Board for advice
- Interim Director appointed to facilitate SBP’s work and chair AFDG
# Approach Phase 1
SBP’s short term goal is to demonstrate meeting regulatory requirements

## Focus today
- Sustainable Forest Management based on UK TPP (CPET Category B) requirements
- Legality from EU Timber Regulation
- GHG / Energy Balance over supply chain – details differ by country
- Chain of custody - Mass Balance allowed

## Next steps
- Ongoing: Draft assurance framework
- Q1/14 Consultation on draft
- Q2/14 Version 1.0 available

## SBP Assurance Framework
- Aims to provide effective and verifiable assurance
- Potential to develop a ‘Biomass Route’ based on forest certification scheme plus additional biomass-specific SFM & GHG modules
- Alignment with globally recognized forest certifications schemes (PEFC/FSC) where possible
- Risk-based approach for non-certified material
- Pellet mill certification plays key role