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Mr Justin Wickes
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Matter 81990149

Dear Mr Wickes

**Trade Measures Inquiry No. 176 – Structural Timber exported from
Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania,
Sweden and the USA**

We refer to your letter of 25 January 2012.

Our client, Building Supplies Group Holding Pty Ltd, (referred to as **CHH Woodproducts**) appreciates the commitment by Customs and Border Protection to appoint an industry expert consultant to assist Customs and Border Protection in its investigation.

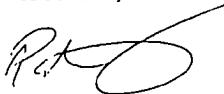
CHH Woodproducts maintains that it would be more appropriate to have the industry expert consultant conduct his or her review prior to the release of export visit reports so that the reports could reflect expert input. Nevertheless, we assume that Customs and Border Protection will reconsider any preliminary findings with input from the industry expert consultant.

CHH Woodproducts consider that the breadth of the industry expert consultant's knowledge and the scope of his or her instructions are important to the investigation. CHH Woodproducts therefore suggest that Customs and Border Protection consider the following:

- A well considered expert review will require expertise in both the manufacturing process and business financials. A single person may not hold sufficient expertise in both areas. The relevant expertise of Customs and Border Protection's proposed industry expert consultant should be considered. If required, his brief should be wide enough to allow him to obtain additional assistance if needed.
- It is important that the industry expert consultant be provided with and asked to consider the full record in conducting his review. In CHH Woodproducts' view, it would be prejudicial to the process to unnecessarily limit the scope of the expert review.

Our client is available to discuss the content of this letter with you.

Yours sincerely



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