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Wood waste collections

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Hi Marc, Steff,

I hope you are both well.

I wanted to provide some context regarding the current situation with wood waste collections and the wider challenges currently being experienced across the sector.

As you know, we have been experiencing significant delays in obtaining the necessary Transfrontier Shipment (TFS) approvals from NRW to allow the export of wood waste to our recovery outlets in Portugal and Spain. Unfortunately, these delays have restricted our ability to move material from customer sites as quickly as we would normally expect.

In addition to this, our current main offtaker, South West Wood Products, are also facing difficulties in moving material due to the extended shutdown of Margam 1 Power Station for essential maintenance. This has further reduced the available outlets for waste wood and increased pressures across the market.

Importantly, these challenges are not specific to either MD Recycling or Griffiths Waste Management. The UK wood waste recycling sector has been experiencing significant capacity constraints and outlet issues for approximately the last 18 months. A combination of regulatory delays, reduced UK outlet capacity (due to Norbord UK site closure), maintenance shutdowns at key energy recovery facilities, and changing market conditions has created a national issue affecting operators throughout the supply chain.

We fully appreciate the difficulties this is causing at your site. Please be assured that we continue to work proactively with NRW, we are meeting with them on 4th September to help progress matters with our TFS, and working closely with our downstream partners to secure additional recovery capacity, expedite the necessary approvals, and resume normal collection frequencies as soon as possible. A cold autumn/winter will be a blessing this year.

For the moment, until things improve, we can collect one artic load per week as a minimum, and will keep you informed as to how things progress over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this challenging period.

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