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Concerning: Hearing on Swan-labelling of floorings

Dear Sir

A working group within Nordic Ecolabelling has in collaboration with experts worked out a draft proposal for criteria for Swan-labelling of floorings.

Eco-labelling Denmark asks kindly for your comments before **June 9th 2006**. The proposal will hereafter be revised and then discussed at the Danish Ecolabelling Board and thereafter at the Nordic Eco-labelling Board.

Besides the proposal in general we ask you to pay attention to the following changes compared to the existing version of the criteria:

1. The requirements to energy are changed in the setup. Now it is proposed to be part of a matrix together with other parameters. The intention is to raise the flexibility. We are very interested in your observations on if it is well explained, if the levels of requirements are reasonable and if we have included all relevant parameters.
2. The requirements as to sustainable forestry are adjusted.
3. The requirements to fibres of wool and synthetic material as well as processing chemicals have been expanded.

The proposed criteria document is available now, and the background document will be presented soon at Eco-labelling Denmark's web site www.ecolabel.dk. The documents are in PDF format, and they can only be opened and read via the program Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can download the program for free from Adobe's web site: www.adobe.com. If you prefer it the documents send to you please order them at Eco-labelling Denmark phone +45 72 400 450.

Who may comment?

All persons, companies and institutions interested in developing the criteria for Swan-labelling of floorings may comment on the proposal. We ask you kindly to spread the information on the hearing to those who may be interested.

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If you choose to use the enclosed statement form please send it to Eco-labelling Denmark Kollegievej 6, DK-2920 Charlottenlund Denmark or fax it to +45 72 300 451. Your comments should reach us no later than **June 9th 2006**.

When the review has ended, and the criteria document has been adopted by the Nordic Eco-labelling Board a hearing compilation will be public available on Eco-labelling Denmark's website.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely
Eco-labelling Denmark

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susanne Møller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosed: Statement form and lists of interested parties in the Nordic countries.

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