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Teri,

Our Minister has received another letter (attached) from Norman Blair (Eglinton Timber Products) regarding his RHI application and issues relating to the Carbon Trust loan.

Would you be able to provide any information on his application and why it has not been accredited to date, given the agreement on how applications that received the CT loan should be treated?

In his letter, Mr Blair advises he would be keen to repay the loan but has been advised he can't. I'm not sure this should be the case, certainly if an applicant has received a grant then the Regulations do not allow them to repay the grant and receive RHI, however as we have previously discussed by taking a narrow interpretation of the Regulations the CT loan is neither a grant nor public support and therefore there shouldn't be anything in the Regulations that prohibits applicants from repaying the monies to receive RHI – however I may be missing something.

Grateful if you could consider and provide some background info on this application to inform our briefing for the Minister. Also if you have any comments on the attached letter please send them through.

We need to draft a response to the letter for her consideration by close on Monday 14th.

Thanks,

Peter