

To whom it may concern

Statement concerning the complaint submitted by the Woodstock Consortium before the European Commission anti-dumping issues

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to our knowledge that the Woodstock Consortium has initiated proceedings before the European Commission under Regulation (EU) No 2016/1036 requesting anti-dumping proceedings concerning the imports of birch plywood from Russia.¹ The complaint has been submitted by the Woodstock Consortium on behalf of a number of European producers of birch plywood.

We hereby wish to clarify that Raute Corporation is not a co-complainant nor has any part in the investigation proceedings initiated by the Woodstock Consortium before the European Commission. All references to Raute Oyj or Raute Corporation in the the Woodstock Consortium's Complaint dated 28 August 2020 (page 36) and the powerpoint presentation titled "Anti-Dumping Proceeding – Imports of Birch Plywood From Russia (AD672)" dated 3 December 2020 (pages 20 and 21) have not been sanctioned nor approved by us. We have had no prior knowledge of our corporation's name being referenced in the said documents. We also state here that the indirect claim that Raute's weakening financial performance would be a consequence of Russian plywood makers' action in European markets is the complainant's estimate and Raute does not confirm that.


We will restate this position and make it known to all necessary parties if necessary.

Raute Corporation will cooperate with the European Commission during the course of its fact-finding market investigation to the extent that we deem necessary, preserving at the same time a strict neutrality as any questions of whether EU or WTO competition rules have been infringed and/or to what extent.

We look forward to continuing our effective and successful cooperation in the future and wish you a pleasant upcoming spring.

In Lahti, Finland, on February 3, 2021

RAUTE CORPORATION


Tapani Kliski
President and CEO



¹ Formal Complaint under Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union dated 28 August 2020.