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MATERIAL ACTION PLAN FOR CARPET

*STAKEHOLDERS MEETING 2PM TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2009
DEFRA, NOBEL HOUSE, 17 SMITH SQUARE, LONDON SW1P 3JR*

We are writing to you to invite the involvement of your organisation in a **Carpet Stakeholder Group** which will oversee the development of a Material Action Plan (MAP) for Broadloom Carpet. The MAP will set out a framework for action to reduce carpet waste to landfill as part of a wider project to improve the overall resource efficiency of the Flooring Industry. The first meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 13th October at DEFRA's Nobel House in London.

The floorcovering industry in the UK is a diverse business that impacts on everyone, even if they do not notice it. Every year it produces an estimated 580 thousand tonnes of waste, of which over half is broadloom carpet. Less than 1% is recycled. In early 2009 the Contract Flooring Association in conjunction with the Construction Products Association commissioned a scoping study into what needs to be done to both reduce the waste and improve the rate of recycling. This report, which can be found at www.constructionproducts.org.uk, made a series of recommendations. With the assistance of funding from WRAP and the BRE Trust the second stage of the study is now looking at implementing these recommendations and producing a Resource Plan for the Flooring Industry. To ensure that what is being proposed meets the needs of everyone involved, floorcovering industry stakeholders have been grouped by product type and invited to contribute to material-specific actions plans, which when combined and implemented will make a real difference to the rates of recycling in the industry.

The **Material Action Plan (MAP) for Broadloom Carpet** will form a key part of the Resource Plan for the Flooring Industry, which in turn will contribute to the construction sector's commitment to halve waste to landfill by 2012.

The **Carpet Stakeholder Group** is tasked with guiding the development of the Material Action Plan for Broadloom Carpet. The group will consist of representatives from throughout the supply chain including manufacturers, retailers, waste contractors, customers and government agencies. It will assist the carpet industry in setting baselines and define stretching but achievable targets for improvements in resource efficiency and action plans to attain them.



We believe that your organisation can make a valuable contribution to this project and the drawing up of a longer term strategy to improve the resource efficiency of the carpet supply chain. It is proposed that there will be three meetings of the group before the 30th March 2010 and we hope to meet you or another representative of your organisation at the first meeting at 2pm on the 13th October at Nobel House, Horseferry Road, London. The meeting will finish at 5pm.

Could you please confirm your attendance by email to Kate Chappell of Carpet Recycling UK on kate@carpetrecyclinguk.com

Further details and an agenda will be sent out in early October. If there are any queries please contact Kate on 07787 160 169.

Yours Sincerely



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