



Dear Sir / Madam

This is to invite you to the press launch of a legal complaint which has been lodged before a Public Prosecutor in France against an internationally trading French timber company.

Extensive and compelling evidence details the purchasing of illegally obtained timber by a French company in contravention of French law and with knowledge of the timber's illegal origin. The organisations Global Witness and Sherpa have been joined on the complaint by Greenpeace France, Amis de la Terre and a prominent Liberian activist.

Patrick Alley, Director of Global Witness, William Bourdon, President of Sherpa and representatives from the other organisations, will make presentations outlining details of the legal complaint. This will be followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and make contributions.

The launch will take place at:

DATE: 18 November, 2009  
TIME: 14: 30 h  
PLACE: Best Western Premier Opéra Diamond  
4, rue de la Pépinière  
75008 Paris

As spaces are limited and for security reasons, please can you provide the name of the person attending the launch to:

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