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Bark Season 2021/2022 Return of Information

Dear Grower,

At our last round of bark meetings in March of this year, we expressed our concern over reduced bark deliveries in recent years. It is reasonable to assume that this decline relates to several years of dry climatic conditions and the effects of Wattle Rust. However, it is also possible that area under wattle may have reduced. As a result UCL would like to re-emphasise the importance of accurate forecasting of bark supply to our mill.

Collaborations with the I.C.F.R has proven valuable in so far as producing wattle varieties showing resistant to rust and frost. These projects are ongoing and the UCL Suppliers Forum will continue to closely follow any progress. We are hopeful that growers will see the benefits of this research in the years to come.

In the meantime, the need for reliable bark forecasts is critical to our factory operations and subsequent marketing efforts. The attached “**Return of Information and application for seasonal bark delivery**” needs to be completed in full, taking into account expected yields, and returned to us by the stated date. We also request that you kindly enter the age distribution of all your trees correctly together with your most recent average bark yield and seasonal tonnage requirement.

Should you need further information or have any queries, please contact the following persons,

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Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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