

To Whom It May Concern

Small Scale Wood Pellets

MCKEECO General Engineering Pty Ltd is a small mechanical engineering company, employing 20 personnel and based in a regional city, which specializes in the design, manufacture and installation of equipment for the timber industry.

Over the years the potential customer base has reduced and we regularly think about what potential alternative products we may be able to produce.

One thing we notice as we travel to various small to medium sawmills is the on-site burning (and wasting of potential energy production) of sawmill residue.

We travelled to Sweden to the World Bioenergy 2010 to look at the potential energy production from biomass on a smaller scale basis.

The equipment which seemed to have promise in the Australian situation is small to medium wood pellet production with containerized pellet production equipment.

We have been preparing a business plan to build and operate a prototype unit to trial in Australian conditions.

This would potentially give ourselves another line of equipment to manufacture and also create a new product from a wasted resource for smaller scale sawmillers.

Victoria Brown Coal Power Stations

Electrabel, a European electricity generation company, converted its 50 year old Les Awirs coal-fired power plant completely to wood pellet firing.

A properly co-ordinated program within the Victorian timber industry using renewable biomass produced as result of forestry operations and timber conversion should be able to reduce the emissions from the "dirty" brown coal power stations and create new employment opportunities.

Kind Regards,

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