

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Certification of sustainably produced biomass for energy purposes

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1. NTA 8080

The NTA 8080 certificate is used to demonstrate that the biomass that is being produced, converted, traded or used, meets international criteria for sustainability. The certification system has been developed by a panel of experts from industry, government, non-governmental organizations, and knowledge institutes.

2. RCI

The partners of the Rotterdam Climate Initiative collaborate to reduce CO₂ emission, adapt to climate change and strengthen the local economy in Rotterdam. The realization of the objective of reducing CO₂ emissions by 50% will depend partly on biomass. RCI focuses on biomass-based energy, renewable transport fuels and green chemistry. It is the intention of the port of Rotterdam to develop into the Bioport of Europe, in a sustainable way.

3. Van Gorsel

Van Gorsel produces rapeseed in a sustainable way. The rapeseed oil is used for blending with fossil fuels to be sold as biofuels.

4. Considering

4.1 That sustainable biomass is a viable response to global themes like climate change and security of energy supply.

4.2 That the use of sustainable biomass needs to result in a combined benefit for People, Planet and Profit.

4.2 That private-public collaboration between industry, government, non-governmental organizations, knowledge institutes, and citizens is essential to implement systems for the identification and promotion of sustainable biomass.

5. We declare

5.1 That Van Gorsel agrees to undertake actions to perform their operations in a sustainable way.

5.2 That in order to demonstrate that the biomass is sustainable. Van Gorsel aims to be certified according to NTA 8080 before the end of 2011.

5.3 That signing parties consider certification an important step towards production, conversion, trade and usage of sustainable biomass for energy applications.