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**International Market of wood based  
building materials  
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Is there a market for

**Eco-co-boards, ...?**





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- Extracts from Executive Summary
  - Medium Density Fibre Boards
  - Particle boards

in The Pacific Rim and Europe

Key findings:

Strong and sustained growth over the next five years

Possible slow down for US Housing market

China will be key driver



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Growth in key end use sectors:

housing construction

furniture manufacture



North Asia (China Japan, Korea)  
Eastern Europe and Russia

Shortage of forest resources !



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Particle board production 2006

more than 66 million m<sup>3</sup>

expectations: 2011 exceed 75 million m<sup>3</sup>



Production plants operate  
at high rate of capacity utilization

No plans for capacity expansion !  
(except China)



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MDF board production 2006

more than 47 million m<sup>3</sup>

expectations: 2011 exceed 52 million m<sup>3</sup>



Production plants operate  
at high rate of capacity utilization

No plans for capacity expansion !  
(Lack of resources in China)

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This means a production shortage will develop by 2010, when demand begins to exceed supplies

Prices have recovered after the low of the Asia crisis

Upward pressure on prices for wood based products..



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This means a demand for building products become strong by 2010, when demand begins to exceed supplies

There will be a market niche for wood free building boards..

Price / quality competition with MDF ?

