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***Report on information day on quality issues of woodchips from SRC in the region Achenal (Germany)***

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## 1 Introduction

The aim of the information day on was to disseminate and discuss information and knowledge on the quality aspects of woodchips from SRC in the target region Achental (Germany). This is important because there are differences in quality between normal woodchips and woodchips from SRC.

The main target group invited to the information day are members of the association of private forest owners of Teisendorf / Roßdorf, so small and medium users of wood fuels. The Biomass Trading Centre hosted the information day on 04<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 in Grassau, Germany. The location was chosen as event location, because at the site there was the possibility to see different qualities of woodchips as well as woodchips from SRC (material was harvested on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 at Übersee).

26 participants attended the information day, presented by Wolfgang Wimmer, member of the BAT as well as the SRCplus-consortium.

## 2 Invitation, Stakeholders and Content of information day

### 2.1 Invitation and participating stakeholders

As already mentioned, small and medium users of woodchips as well as traders of woodchips shall be addressed to join the information day. Therefore several associations of forest owners were invited (see Figure 1) and the one of the private forest owners of Teisendorf / Roßdorf finally joined the information day.



Figure 1: Invitation of the association of private forest owner Teisendorf / Roßdorf

## 2.2 Content of information day

Because of the fact, that the private forest owners are familiar with conventional forestry, the topic SRC was also explained to the participants. Moreover, the agenda of the information day was as follows:

- Introduction on SRCplus project
- What is short rotation coppice?
- SRC in the Achenal and whole Germany:
  - Development
  - Current status
  - Future
- Woodchips in the Achenal: need and supply
- Quality criteria of solid biofuels (European Standards):
  - Particle size / particle size distribution
  - Moisture content
  - Ash content (content of bark)
  - Effect of content of fine and course particles
  - Impurities
- Determination of the quality parameters.
- Quality of different origin wood fuels.
- Influence of different parameters on the production, transportation and storage of SRC.
- Visit of the BAT

## 3 Results

Wolfgang Wimmer (BAT) welcomed the 26 participants at the premises of the Biomass Trading Centre Achenal (BAT) at Grassau. In the beginning of the information day, he gave a short introduction about the BAT and the SRCplus project. Accordingly he explained the attending private forest owners what a SRC is and what are the differences to common forest(s). Moreover he gave an overview of the used species and all the other peculiarities of a SRC.

After a short coffee break, Wolfgang Wimmer described the participants the current status of SRC in Germany and in the Achenal. Despite having already some SRCs in the region, woodchips from forests are the main biomass source for heat exploitation. This was shown by the figures Wolfgang Wimmer presented like for the heating plant of Grassau, which has a demand of 24,000 to 28,000 m<sup>3</sup> woodchips. Being one of the bigger heating plants in the region, woodchips with low quality requirements can be used in the two combustions at Grassau (6 MW heating power). These requirements as well as the quality criteria for woodchips in general have been presented by Wolfgang Wimmer, focussing on the parameters and their determination by means of the European standards shown in Figure 2.

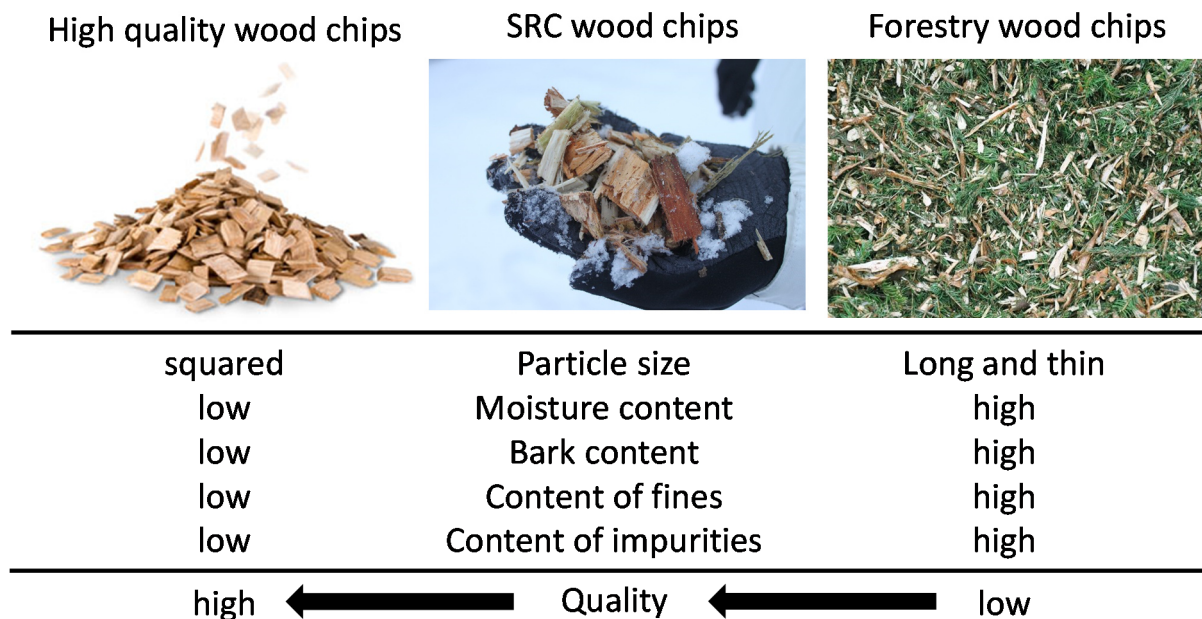


Figure 2: Overview of discussed woodchip quality parameter

As shown in Figure 2, there are different woodchip qualities available at the biomass market. Beside the origin of the fuel (e.g. forestry, saw mills, SRC), Wolfgang Wimmer explained some different types of wood chippers and their influence on the woodchip quality as well as the influence of other parameters of a chipper, like the sharpness of knives or the used screen basket.

According to lunch the participants took part in a guided tour by Wolfgang Wimmer, showing the attendants the premises of the Biomass Trading Centre Achental with different qualities of woodchips, woodchips from SRC, the drying facilities / boxes, the heating plant of the municipality of Grassau.... During this tour there was the possibility to reflect the learned theoretical aspects with the practical issues at the site as well as asking relevant questions to Wolfgang Wimmer and other attending members of the BAT.

## 4 Annex

### 4.1 List of participants



Teilnehmerliste

Infotag Hackschnitzelqualität  
Grassau, den 04.03.2016

NAME	VORNAME	Unterschrift
Klingel	Matthias	Klingel
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Reich	Franz	Reich
Eber	Erwin	Eber
Aspöck	Gerhard	Aspöck
Wagner	Georg	Wagner
Haid	Manfred	Haid
Meier	Andi	A. Meier
Höglauer	Travis	Höglauer
Walter	Thomas	Walter
K. H. G. G. G.	Robert	K. H. G. G. G.
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Haid	Manfred	Haid
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Figure 3: List of participants of the information day on quality issues of woodchip from SRC

### 4.2 Event photos



Figure 4: Event photos of the information day (1)



Figure 5: Event fotos taken at the information day about quality issues on woodchips

### 4.3 Training materials

As training materials were used:

European Committee for standardization (2013), EN ISO 18122 Solid biofuels – Determination of ash content (ISO/DIS 18122:2013)

European Committee for standardization (2013), EN ISO 18134-2 Solid biofuels – Determination of moisture content – Oven dry method – Part 2: Total moisture – Simplified method (ISO/DIS 18134-2:2013)

European Committee for standardization (2013): EN ISO 17828 Solid biofuels – Determination of bulk density

European Committee for standardization (2014), EN ISO 17225-4 Solid biofuels – Fuel specifications and classes – Part 4: Graded wood chips (ISO 17225-4:2014)

European Committee for standardization (2015): EN ISO 17827-1 Solid biofuels – Determination of particle size distribution for uncompressed fuels – Part 1: horizontal oscillating screen

European Committee for standardization, EN ISO 18125 Solid biofuels – Determination of calorific value

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