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Dear Friends of iwood

The year 1 of iwood, the Swiss start-up Company around a new and most innovative engineered wood material was very successful. A short time after receiving the **W.A. de Vigier award**, handed out by Crossair founder Moritz Suter during an impressive ceremony on the June 19 in Solothurn, iwood got the **Coaching Acceptance of CTI Start-up**, a Swiss Federal program for start-up companies.

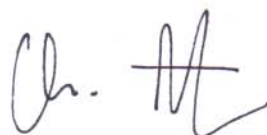
In August the **CTI** (Commission for Technology and Innovation of the Swiss Government) founded iwood's research program with over **CHF 500'000**. The research program is jointly run by iwood's research partner, the **SH Holz Biel**, the **ETH Zürich** and the **FA Wädenswil**. The program has started meanwhile with some remarkable success. Its goal is it to bring the technology around the iwood panel to the level of an industrial production line. During autumn a surprising big amount of articles has been published on iwood across Europe up to the Netherlands. The numerous calls and inquiries made iwood during November offering **partnerships for Research and future Production** to interested companies (for more on that look up www.iwood.ch, applications are still taken in).

At December 4th iwood received in Paris from Richard L. Hudson, Managing Editor „The Wall Street Journal Europe“ the **Wall Street Journal Europe Innovation Award 2002** as runner-up in the category Material-/Basetechnologies. With this award iwood's business idea established itself as one of the nine most innovative ideas in Europe in the surrounding of IT and Life Science, of companies like ABB and Philips Netherlands.

We from iwood hope of course, that iwood will be also in 2003 that way successful and we would appreciate if we could invite you to the opening of our **Pilot plant during winter 2003/2004**. More about us you can find on www.iwood.ch, our homepage, which we **continuously update**.

With kind regards

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