



Roundwood Timber Ltd Noel Kenna

Timber Haulier- Concerns and Issues

Background Information

- 3 million m³ of timber harvested per annum
- Equivalent to 100,000 lorry loads per annum
- 2,000 per week mainly on national secondary roads
- These figures are set to double by 2028
- Timber is a low value bulky product to transport

Investment

- Artic and trailer

110,000 artic

40,000 trailer

35,000 crane = €185,000

- Rigid and trailer

135,000 rigid

35,000 trailer

35,000 crane =€210,000

Prices are approximate

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Investment/ Expenditure

- Insurance has increased by 35% in the last year
- Rougher terrains lead to more mechanical maintenance expenses
 - **Investment requires continuity of well planned work**

Management

- Environmental impacts could be reduced by minimising unloaded lorry miles
- Planned routes
- Central tyre inflation system

Safety concerns

- Overgrown vegetation and over hanging trees can impair vision. (national secondary roads)
- Forest entrances
- Adequate passing areas
- Signs



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