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We would like to continue with cooperation trust and a good relation. Therefore we would like to request a meeting with you and your management in the near future to create better understanding about the decision and explore new opportunities for the factory and the region. Because of the urgency of the matter, we will be contacting you shortly to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of the Provincial Executive of Gelderland



Jan Markink
Provincial Executive member for Project Eerbeek-Loenen 2030



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Stora Enso Oyj Head Office
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Dear Ms Bresky, MSc, MBA,

On 15 June 2023, Stora Enso De Hoop Mill in Eerbeek informed the Province of Gelderland of your intention to close the Stora Enso De Hoop Mill factory. We would like to request a meeting to be better informed about this decision and talk about other possible new opportunities for the factory and the region.

The Province of Gelderland and the Municipality of Brummen have always expressed the great importance they attach to the paper and cardboard industry in Eerbeek and Loenen. The paper and cardboard sector is of major interest to Gelderland on account of the employment in the villages of Eerbeek and Loenen as well as throughout the region.

As the largest production site, Stora Enso De Hoop Mill is an important player in the chain of suppliers and local entrepreneurs. The decision to close the factory has major impact on the village of Eerbeek and the region as a whole. We therefore would like to urgently request you and your management to reconsider and reassess the situation from a different perspective. We strongly believe the paper and cardboard sector has a lot of potential. There are unexplored opportunities for future revenue models.

In the past years, the Province and the Municipality have made considerable investments - both in terms of funding and human resources - in the business climate of the paper and cardboard industry through the Eerbeek-Loenen 2030 Programme. These include plans at a very advanced stage for a logistics centre, a 100%-circular water system and road network improvements. So far, this has always been based on good cooperation with trust and our good relation as essential elements. Matters that we still consider to be of great value.