tractors and introduce Scandinavian logging technology. We are also greatly disturbed by the unsatisfactory conditions in the social sphere. Here I would like to remind you that we mustn't expect that someone will give us the funds and the materials for building housing and social and cultural amenities. We must earn the money ourselves. It will be from sales of the 5 per cent of our output that is over and above the State order that we will acquire the requisite materials and equipment and do the building.

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## New Building Plastic Developed at Urals Wood Technology Institute

In the Department of Wood Sciences of the Urals Wood Technology Institute (UWTI) the technology has been developed and test specimens produced for a new building material: lignocarbohydrate wood-based plastics (LCWP). With a quality at least as good as that of wooden boards - LCWPs offer the advantage that, unlike the latter, they do not require agglutinants, which are sometimes harmful. Not only wood wastes but also plant wastes, such as the stems of cotton plants, hemp, grape vine, straw and even the husks of sunflower seeds, serve as raw material for their production.

Our correspondent chatted with one of the developers of LCWPs, the Head of UWTI's Department of Wood Sciences, Gennadii Artemevich Povod.