

non-standard equipment. Surely it won't be necessary for each plant starting up production again to act independently?"

"What is the attitude of our ministry towards the institute's efforts in this area? For it also is capable of providing such resources"?

"One of total indifference. In my view it is precisely the Ministry of the Timber Industry that is primarily to blame for the fact that a promising development has been unable to emerge from the laboratory setting after all these years. The former Minister M. Busygin expressed interest in the new building material and a decision was taken to build a pilot plant in order to work out the technology and get the production process rolling. But everything has remained on paper ... Meanwhile, we have just found out that foreign companies have become interested in our idea. It will be a very great pity if once again we are overtaken by events."

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Plan to Manufacture Modernized Power Saws at Perm
Factory Falls Far Short of Requirements

We are in the fifth year of perestroika, and yet the production of modern power saws has still not begun. No concrete action has been taken to correct the situation outlined in the resolution adopted by the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Trade Union in March 1989 "On the non-conformity to the requirements of labour protection and ergonomics, and