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Little Support

for Polygreen on Reserve

OHSWEKEN — Cynicism and pessimism rule as Six Nations residents try to decide whether to allow a plastic recycling company into the community.

While some say the company would bring dozens of jobs, others are convinced Polygreen International Inc. is a fly-by-night operation looking for Six Nations' money.

"After all the bad dealings we've had, we're all a bit cautious about companies coming in (to the reserve.)"

Polygreen would own 30 per cent of the company, the band council would own 65 per cent and an aboriginal investment company would own the remaining five per cent.

"If it's so good, how come it's not in Toronto or Hamilton," asked Confederacy Chief Arnie General.

Mohawk Chief Richard Maracle said, "I think it's time the people said no to things like this. It's time we stood up and said no."

And Janice Longboat told company representatives to go to another community.

"I do not agree with a plastic recycling company coming to the reserve," she said. "Why don't you take it someplace else?"

Polygreen International is owned by local businessmen, Mr. Depew, Mike Milville and Mike Mewha. They do not have a plant established and do not have patents on their technology.