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wood-frame buildings could be as stable as concrete buildings. However, earthquakes in China in the past few years have likely forced Chinese authorities to reconsider.

"With the earthquakes, it was clear some of the buildings made of wood held up a lot better," Watt said.

As for ties to the Canadian dollar, Watt suggests lumber could be the "oil of the next decade" in how it lifts the loonie.

"It may seem dramatic, but consider in 1999 a barrel of oil was \$12 (US a

oil of the past decade?" he said. "Will there be an oil-like rise in lumber? Who knows? Why not?"

A Vancouver-based analyst said the news is positive for Canadian lumber, but warned it was too early to know how it would affect exports.

"It'll definitely help fix the supply-demand balance, so any news out there will help. But in the next year or two, it won't be a huge driver," he said, noting it will take at least a year to educate Chinese construction companies about wood

Critic says Shell is targeting his website

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LONDON

A prominent Internet critic of **Royal Dutch Shell** says the oil major has asked an anti-cyberfraud agency to target his site, which Shell admits provides better information on the company than its own internal communications.

John Donovan, who runs the royaldutchshell.plc website, where disaffected Shell employees post company news and gossip, said the move suggests Shell has adopted more aggressive tactics in its battle to shut him down.

"They are very worried about the leaks," Donovan told Reuters in a telephone interview. "They are trying to track down the people who are leaking information to us."

The allegations are based on e-mails Donovan said Shell released to him following a request under data protection law rights. Donovan shared these, and a letter on Shell headed paper responding to Donovan's request, with Reuters.

One e-mail between Shell employees dated June 2009 said an individual, whose name is blanked out but apparently also a Shell employee, met with "NCFTA" to discuss the website.

The e-mail adds that resources had been assigned to NCFTA "that are RDS (presumably Royal Dutch Shell) focused" and that "there will be no attempt to do anything visible to Donovan."

Donovan believes NCFTA refers to the National Cyber Forensics and Training Alliance, a Pittsburgh-based organization whose website says it is supported by Fortune 500 companies and that its purpose is to help tackle cyberfraud.