



Weston Forest Group

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Weston Forest Group Announces its Chain of Custody Certification

Mississauga, Ontario (December 1, 2008) – Weston Forest Group is proud to announce that they are now certified under the world's three leading forest management programs: Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Sustainable Forest Initiative[®] (SFI) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification[™] (PEFC).

“We are very pleased to be certified under these chain-of-custody certification programs”, says Rick Ekstein, President. “Achieving these certifications reaffirms our support of sustainably managed forests and enables us to address the growing customer demand for products that come from these forests. This is another way where we can add value to our customers.”

The FSC, SFI and PEFC audits were conducted by SGS Systems & Services Certification Canada Inc. (SGS) the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company.

“SGS is pleased to be working with an industry leader like Weston Forest Group”, says Nazim Chowdhury, Business Development Executive at SGS. “We are committed to working with Weston and its customers to help them achieve the benefits of a certified chain-of-custody program. This initiative allows Weston Forest Group to demonstrate to customers, stakeholders, and investors that their product is coming from sustainable, well-managed forests”.

About Weston Forest Group

Weston Forest Group was founded in 1953, and has grown to become one of North America's premier providers of forest products. The companies in the Weston Forest family supply domestic and imported hardwoods, softwoods, engineered wood products and panel products across Canada, the U.S. and around the globe – through one of the largest supply bases and most knowledgeable workforces in the industry. Find out more about Weston Forest Group at www.westonforestgroup.com.

About the Forest Stewardship Council

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) was created to change the practice of sustainable forestry worldwide. FSC sets forth principles, criteria, and standards that span economic, social and environmental concerns. The FSC standards have now applied in over 57 countries around the world. Visit www.fsc.org.

About the Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®]

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI) program is based on the premise of responsible environmental behaviour and sound business decisions. SFI program influences millions of acres through the training of loggers and foresters in best management practices and landowner outreach programs. Visit www.aboutsfi.org.

About the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification[™]

The Endorsement of Forest Certification[™] (PEFC) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, founded in 1999, which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third-party certification. PEFC is a global umbrella organization for the assessment of and mutual recognition of national forest certification schemes developed in a multi-stakeholder process. These national schemes are supported by 149 governments in the world covering 85% of the world's forest area. Visit www.pefc.org.

About SGS Systems & Services Certification Canada

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. Recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity, they employ over 50,000 people and operate a network of more than 1,000 offices and laboratories around the world. Visit www.ca.sgs.com.

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