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Collins Pine Particleboard Receives Green Cross Certification

Klamath Falls, Oregon— Collins Products LLC of Klamath Falls, Oregon has recently received certification from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) for their particleboard manufactured from 100% post-industrial waste. The highly regarded Green Cross certification is the result of an in-depth audit of their mill and raw material suppliers to verify that every fiber is, in fact, post-industrial waste.

"Sometimes you've been doing something right for a long time and certification confirms the validity of those practices," commented Donn Jensen, particleboard plant manager. Normally, the waste products used in manufacturing particleboard are burned or buried in a landfill. "But Collins is a Natural Step company and our commitment to the environment is not to use virgin fiber in our board and to reuse or recycle wherever possible," said Jensen. "As a matter of fact, we are the only timber products company in the world to be SCS certified and institute the principles of The Natural Step," he concluded.

The Natural Step is an international environmental organization dedicated to shifting people and business away from linear, resource-wasting, toxic-spreading methods of materials handling and manufacturing toward cyclical resource-preserving methods.

"But being environmentally conscious does not mean that the quality of the product is compromised," said Dale Slate, vice president and general manager. "On the contrary, Collins Pine Particleboard has a very high content of western pine that provides excellent machinability and a light tan color for use with thin papers and melamines," remarked Slate.

The AWFS® Woodworking Fair, August 2 – 5, 2001 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, will feature Collins Pine Particleboard. Stop by booth #3596 for a first-hand look.