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Collins Pine Company to Register Forests with California Registry

First forest products company to participate in unique program

LOS ANGELES, California – Collins Pine Company has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. It is the first forest products company to participate in this rigorous program. As a member, Collins Pine Company will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify the greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from its operations. It will also track and register the GHGs sequestered through the management of its 94,000 acres of timberland in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, creating “emission reductions” that could be sold in a future carbon trading system.

Collins has a long history of actions that have resulted in positive impacts to the environment. In 1941, it began a program of sustainably harvesting the company’s California timberlands, and in 1993, those same lands (known as the Collins Almanor Forest) became the first privately-owned forest in the United States to be independently certified by Scientific Certification Systems in accordance with the principles and criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Soon after, Collins had its remaining two forests, totaling 298,000 acres of hardwood and softwood, FSC-certified.

“Our participation in the California Climate Action Registry is a natural outgrowth of our ongoing determination to leave this earth better than we found it,” commented Wade Mosby, senior vice president of The Collins Companies.

The Registry, created by California in 2000, establishes accounting standards and helps organizations to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases. The Registry recently developed ground-breaking new protocols that lay out a rigorous yet practical accounting of carbon emissions and reductions via forest conservation, improved management practices, and reforestation. Collins Pine Company represents the first company-owned forests to make use of the forestry protocols.

“**Collins Pine Company** is well-known for its forward-thinking and sustainable forest practices. Combating global warming is a natural extension of its environmental leadership.” said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry. “The Registry’s forest protocols provide an incentive to landowners to take action on climate change while encouraging the additional environmental benefits of conserving our native forests.”

Collins Pine Company is one of the interrelated forest product companies that make up the Collins Companies, which began in 1855 as a family-owned business in Pennsylvania. Collins Companies holdings include the Collins Lakeview Forest in Lake County, Oregon and Modoc County, California as well as the Collins Almanor Forest in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Northern California. In total the Collins Companies manage 298,000 acres of timberland. www.collinswood.com.

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership

that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 85 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org.