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Collins Lowers Formaldehyde Emissions

Klamath Falls, OREGON– Collins Products has recently been approved and accepted into the Composite Panel Association's (CPA) Environmentally Preferable Product specification 2-06 program on their industrial particleboard production. According to Tom Julia, CPA President, "This is just one more way in which Collins is an industry leader to produce products that have been independently certified to protect the overall health of the environment."

Mr. Julia went on to say, "The recent CPA certification demonstrates that Collins Pine Particleboard; uses 100% recycled material as its fiber source; voluntarily maintains formaldehyde emissions below 0.20 parts per million; and agrees to quarterly fiber source audits and monthly emission audits."

Chris Bailey, Collins Pine Particleboard Sales Manager commented, "Collins is already widely known for using 100% recycled fiber, having a high percentage of pine in our particleboard, and producing panels that are uniform and consistent from shipment-to-shipment and year-to-year. Now, because of our continuing commitment to our customers and our environment, we have reduced formaldehyde emissions,". He went on to say that Collins has a history of responsible stewardship, not only in sustainably managing their forestlands, but also in being the first forest products industry in North America to adopt the principles of The Natural Step into all of their manufacturing and office facilities. The Natural Step is an international environmental organization dedicated to moving people and businesses toward cyclical resource-preserving methods. "Doing the right thing is more than fancy words. It's actions. Maybe that's why Collins has long been a leader in protecting the earth's ecosystem." said Bailey.

In addition to this new CPA certification, all three of Collins' forests, including the Collins Almanor Forest in Chester, California, the Collins Lakeview Forest in Lakeview, Oregon, and the Collins Pennsylvania Forest in Kane, Pennsylvania have been environmentally certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

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