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Collins Announces a New Lightweight, FSC-Certified Hardwood

Pacific Albus[®], a hardwood species, is ideal for a variety of uses including moulding and millwork, cut stock, furniture applications, pallet stock, recreational vehicle parts, landscape timbers, and much more. Because it is tree farm grown, the quality of the product is consistent, uniform, and — importantly, always available. It is also certified under the principles and criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council's Plantation Standards.

This product is lightweight, straight grain, medium/fine texture with a very light color. Paint, stains, and enamels adhere and hold. Pacific Albus is ideal for machining, gluing, sanding, boring, and turning.

"Collins' Pacific Albus is a newly introduced western hardwood and is a good alternative to many traditional, industrial, hardwood applications — a good substitute for Alder, Aspen, and Basswood," stated Lee Jimerson, Manager Manufacturing Accounts. He continued, "when it is treated and stained Pacific Albus is also a great substitution for a number of western softwood species — including pine, white fir, and even sound-tight-knot cedar."

This exciting new product is a result of Collins Companies' new Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood products venture with GreenWood Tree Farms (GWTF) and GreenWood Resources (GWR). Collins has built a state-of-the-art sawmill, named Collins Upper Columbia Mill, and is manufacturing and marketing the mill's products. GreenWood will manage the 35,000-acre FSC-certified plantation.

Pacific Albus is manufactured by Collins Products, a division of The Collins Companies. Based in Portland, Oregon and family-owned since 1855, Collins produces high quality wood products including; engineered wood siding and trim, softwoods, hardwoods, millwork, veneers, and particleboard. Collins also features a full line of FSC-certified wood products. For more information, call 800.329.1219 X2266 or visit www.CollinsWood.com.

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