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Collins Pine FreeForm® Now Moisture Resistant

Klamath Falls, OR — The Collins Companies continues its pursuit of innovation with its particleboard product line. The newest improvement is that FreeForm now meets the moisture resistant specifications for ANSI MR-10 per the ASTM D 1037-06a for 24 hour water absorption. This comes on top of the announcement that Collins is one of the first particleboard manufacturers in the United States to be certified under the California Air Resources Board CARB Phase 2, the most stringent formaldehyde regulation in the world. In addition, Collins Pine FreeForm contains 100% recycled post-industrial fibers, is FSC-certified, and is LEED compliant.

MR or Moisture Resistant Particleboard is a type of particleboard with a special water-resistant resin added to the panel to ensure moisture resistant properties. According to Mike Shuey, particleboard sales, with The Collins Companies, "This product is particularly good for use in areas which are prone to wetness such as kitchen and bath applications and parts of the country which are subject to high humidity or consistent moisture such as the southeast and pacific northwest. The moisture resistant properties decrease the likelihood of finding mold or mildew in our product."

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The Collins Companies has always been a leader in environmental stewardship. It was the first privately-owned forest products company in the United States to be independently certified under the strict regulations of the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council), all Collins' hardwood and softwood forests are FSC-certified and LEED compliant, and Collins was the first forest products company in North America to adopt the principles of The Natural Step into all its manufacturing and office facilities.

FreeForm 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, 800.547.1793 or visit www.CollinsWood.com.

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