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THE COLLINS COMPANIES INTRODUCES TWO NAF PARTICLEBOARD OFFERINGS

Latest Development Part of the Companies' Longstanding Dedication to Merging Quality, Safety and Sustainability

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26, 2012—The Collins Companies today leads the industry by producing Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC)-Certified western pine particleboard with no added formaldehyde (NAF). Improving upon its already award winning product, Collins introduced two types of particleboard using a formaldehyde-free polymeric MDI (pMDI) adhesive—Collins Pine FreeForm®

Particleboard and Collins Pine Particleboard. The result is a more efficient manufacturing process and a board that has extreme moisture resistance and enhanced physical properties.

Both Collins Pine FreeForm and Pine Particleboard are CARB Phase 2-Certified, available moisture resistant, contain 100 percent post-industrial wood fiber, have excellent machinability (therefore extending tool life) and contain exceptionally high pine content. In addition, they are manufactured to reduce carbon emissions and eliminate human exposure to hazardous chemicals. Collins Pine FreeForm is also FSC-Certified.

"Our products speak for themselves," said Mike Shuey, particleboard sales representative. "At The Collins Companies, we pride ourselves on ensuring that everything we manufacture upholds our commitment to quality, sustainability and safety. Our particleboard products with no added formaldehyde are another extension of that."

Four years ago, as part of its commitment to providing safe, sustainable wood products, The Collins Companies dedicated itself to manufacturing a particleboard product with pMDI that improves the air quality in homes, schools and buildings. To accomplish this, a research and development team was formed to develop a quality particleboard product with no added formaldehyde. The result—a dense, strong particleboard, free of added formaldehyde and consistent in color and texture—represents the fulfillment of this goal.

The <u>Collins Companies</u>, the first privately held forest products company in the United States independently certified under the strict regulations of the FSC, is committed to safe products and the standards for sustainable operations.

To learn more about The Collins Companies' pMDI Pine Particleboard, visit CollinsWood.com.

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