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Collins Pine FreeForm™ Receives CARB PHASE TWO Certification

Klamath Falls, OR — The Collins Companies continues its research and development into minimizing the amount of formaldehyde found in their particleboard. After being one of the first mills in the United States to be certified under the California Air Resources Board (CARB) PHASE ONE, it has recently been certified compliant to CARB PHASE TWO. Phase TWO is the most stringent formaldehyde regulation in the world. Collins Pine FreeForm Particleboard is now available with this new technology and certification. In addition, it is FSC-certified and contributes to LEED credits.

Formaldehyde has traditionally been used within a variety of products such as a glue for pressed wood products; as a preservative in some paints, coatings, cosmetics, and shampoos; as a coating that provides permanent press quality to fabrics and draperies; and in certain insulation materials. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), “There is sufficient evidence that occupational exposure to formaldehyde causes nasopharyngeal cancer in humans.”

“Our goal at Collins is to continue to reduce formaldehyde in particleboard. FreeForm is a cost-effective and safe option for our customers, as well as our employees who produce these materials,” remarked Chris Bailey, Particleboard Sales Manager. He went on to say that “improving indoor air quality in our homes, schools, and buildings is a top priority for architects, builders, and manufacturers such as Collins.”

The Collins Companies has 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 available for LEED credits. Collins was also the first forest products company in North America to adopt the principles of The Natural Step into all its manufacturing and office facilities. “We have been a family-owned company since 1855. Our commitment to this Earth and to our families has never been a matter of words. It has been, and will continue to be, a matter of facts, a matter of science, and a matter of integrity — from the ground up,” concluded Wade Mosby, Senior Vice President of The Collins Companies.

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, 800-417-3674 or visit www.CollinsWood.com.