

## PRESS INFORMATION

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### **Weyerhaeuser Marks Sustainable Milestone in Europe with James Latham**

Timber and panel products distributor, James Latham, has taken delivery of the first container loads of FSC certified TRP (tropical replacement panel) plywood from Weyerhaeuser, marking the latest sustainable milestone for the international forest products company in Europe.

Offering a cost effective and sustainable alternative to tropical and temperate hardwood plywood, TRP is manufactured from eucalyptus trees that have been grown and harvested in a socially and environmentally responsible manner on plantations in Uruguay. The recent FSC certification of this plywood confirms the product range's sustainable credentials and means all TRP supplied to Europe will now be fully FSC certified – with James Latham being the first to benefit.

Chris Sutton, director, James Latham, comments: "We were the first UK stockist to offer Weyerhaeuser's TRP plywood, adding it to our portfolio based on very strong sustainability credentials and a guaranteed long term supply. We're extremely pleased to continue the development of the strong relationship we have with Weyerhaeuser and be the first to stock FSC certified TRP, with all indications that there will be a very strong demand for the product as we move forward."

The rich pink/red colour of TRP plywood is similar in aspect to many of the popular tropical species such as meranti and okoume. Beyond aesthetics, TRP delivers stability and physical properties that match traditional tropical hardwood plywood, confirmed by its CE2+ structural and exterior certification.

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John Guerin, European commercial director, Weyerhaeuser, concludes: "As a company, Weyerhaeuser is committed to driving forward innovations in environmental good practice and invests heavily in developing sustainable operations and products.

"TRP from our South American base in Uruguay is a key product in a wider company strategy to develop markets in Europe for high quality sustainable and certified timber products – manufactured from plantation sources. Delivery of the first FSC certified TRP to James Latham is a key milestone in demonstrating that we are succeeding in our aim."

For further information on Weyerhaeuser products, including TRP, please visit [www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com) or call Weyerhaeuser on +32 (0)10 68 64 25.

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#### **About Weyerhaeuser**

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2008, sales were \$8 billion. It has offices or operations in 13 countries, with customers worldwide. Weyerhaeuser is principally engaged in the growing and harvesting of timber; the manufacture, distribution and sale of forest products; and real estate construction, development and related activities.

Additional information about Weyerhaeuser's businesses, products and practices is available at <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com>

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#### **About James Latham**

James Latham, the UK's leading Timber and Panel products distributor, has been importing timber since 1757. Predominantly managed by members of the founding family, the company has 11 UK depots reaching from Lanarkshire in Scotland to Fareham in the South of England. James Latham is a specialist importer and distributor of wood based panel products, hardwoods, softwoods and hardwood flooring. A signatory to the Timber Trade Federation's Responsible Purchasing Policy and is FSC and PEFC accredited at all of its eleven UK sites.

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