

PRESS INFORMATION

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Pircher Develops Lyptus® Decking System for Europe

Lyptus, the sustainable eucalyptus hardwood from international forest products company, Weyerhaeuser, has been developed and launched for decking applications as part of an innovative new exterior system, by timber specialist, Pircher. The Lyptus decking system is currently available in Italy and scheduled for a quarter four release in the UK and the rest of Europe.

The new system combines Lyptus lumber with Vacsol Aqua, a special water-based wood preservative, to deliver a highly aesthetic and PEFC certified decking solution. Independently the system components offer strong environmental and performance credentials, while combined, they create highly sustainable, durable and superior quality decking that is guaranteed by Pircher for 10 years.

Andrea Lacedelli, sales director, Pircher, explains: "Pircher traditionally engages in study activities aimed at sourcing certified and eco-sustainable woods as an alternative to exotic and non-renewable wood types. We also research durable and ultra-low environmental impact treatments to protect the product in all stages of its lifecycle. By bringing the two together, we have expanded our range of decking products to include Lyptus, which is simply a beautiful timber that will enhance any exterior environment."

Traditionally used for interior applications, such as architectural millwork and internal panelling, the development of Lyptus for exterior use is expected to further increase the popularity of this sustainable tropical hardwood.

John Guerin, European commercial director for Weyerhaeuser, comments: "Lyptus is a hardwearing timber that is proven to maintain its appearance over time. The development of a system that makes it suitable for decking is a welcome innovation as it will enable our distributor partners to enhance their portfolios and capitalize on the continued demand for high quality and sustainable exterior timber products."

Lyptus timber is remarkably clear and exhibits fewer knots than many other species. As the trees are plantation grown and harvested within 14-16 years, compared to the 60 years it takes some tropical species to mature, Lyptus provides a truly sustainable choice where a tropical hardwood is preferred.

Lyptus trees are grown on responsibly managed plantations in Brazil. These are certified to the national sustainable forestry standard, Cerflor, recognised by the international Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

Weyerhaeuser Products Limited, headquartered in Brussels, distributes Lyptus through an established group of specialist partners across Europe, including international timber products supplier, Woodlink UK.

For further information on Lyptus products please visit www.Lyptus.com or call Weyerhaeuser on 0800 032 9005.

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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.

Weyerhaeuser markets and sells products carrying Aracruz Produtos de Madeira's registered trademark for Lyptus® products.

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

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About Woodlink

Headquartered in Hamburg, Woodlink is a global supplier of lumber and semi-finished wood products. Part of the Anders Group, Woodlink also has offices in Germany and Poland. Lyptus is available in the UK through Woodlink UK, for further information please call 01787 475 238.

About Pircher

Pircher Oberland Spa was established in Dobbiaco (Val Pusteria), in 1928. Pircher operates in the woodworking industry and is now the leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of wooden furnishings and structures for outdoor and residential environments. It operates successfully in the do-it-yourself, gardening and laminated wood structure sectors, striking a perfect balance between tradition and innovation. It currently has 180 employees, five plants located in the Alto Adige, Emilia-Romagna and Lombardy regions and four sales divisions.

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