

PRESS INFORMATION

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Hoppings Expands Decking Range with Lyptus™

Hoppings Softwood Products has announced that it will shortly commence distribution of Lyptus Decking, a high quality, hardwood and sustainable product from Weyerhaeuser. Offering a fully certified alternative to many tropical species, Lyptus Decking is supplied in the UK by Woodlink UK.

A specialist in the machining and preservative treatment of sustainable softwood timber products, Hoppings will be incorporating Lyptus Decking as part of its existing Q-Deck range. As the first hardwood product to be introduced to the Q-Deck portfolio, Lyptus Decking was selected based on proven environmental credentials and sustainability of supply. Marketed by Hoppings as Q-Deck Lyptus, the product will be available as a stock item through the Essex and Surrey depots from 1st April 2011.

Adam Pulfer, Hoppings, comments: "With a firm focus on sustainability, we rigorously assess any new product against strict environmental criteria. Unique in the market, Lyptus Decking offers a fully certified hardwood product which is backed up by sustainability of supply from a responsible source. This is exactly what we look for in a product."

Available in a range of profiles, the appearance of Lyptus Decking compares well with many tropical species. Tested by the Hamburg Technical Institute in Germany, Lyptus Decking has been shown to achieve Durability Class 3, which has been verified by TRADA for use in the UK.

Brought to market by Woodlink UK, Lyptus Decking is manufactured from Lyptus lumber, which is produced in Brazil by international forest products company, Weyerhaeuser. Grown on managed plantations, the trees used to manufacture Lyptus can be harvested within 14-16 years, compared to

the 60 plus years it takes many tropical trees to mature. This faster rate of growth facilitates the sustainability of supply, as the plantations can deliver a greater yield in a shorter space of time. These plantations are fully certified to the national sustainable forestry standard, Cerflor, recognised by the international Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

Cyril Williams, director Woodlink UK, comments: "We developed Lyptus Decking in response to increased market demand for certified tropical decking products. Launched towards the end of 2010, we have already received significant interest from specifiers seeking a sustainable alternative to traditional tropical species. Partnering with Hoppings will enable us to meet the market demand by providing increased stock on the ground, with the product being offered as part of the established Q-Deck range."

Lyptus Decking is part of a wider Lyptus product range available in the UK. Woodlink UK also provides access to Lyptus lumber. For further information please contact Woodlink UK on +44 (0) 1787 475 238 or visit www.woodlinkuk.com

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About WoodLink

Woodlink UK has established close partnerships with very experienced sawmills which enables the company to offer sound advice that enhances the value to its customers and the hardwoods it offers. The company has extensive storage in the north and south of the country and can deliver anywhere. Further information can be found at www.woodlinkuk.com

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About Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest products companies, began operations in 1900. We grow and harvest trees, build homes and make a range of forest products essential to everyday lives. We manage our timberland on a sustainable basis in compliance with internationally recognized forestry standards. At the end of 2009, we employed approximately 14,900 employees in 10 countries. We have customers worldwide and generated \$5.5 billion in sales in 2009. Our stock trades on the New York Stock exchange under the symbol WY. Additional information about us is available at www.weyerhaeuser.com

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