

James Latham – proud to be green

The directors of the UK's longest established timber business, James Latham, recognise that the company has a responsibility to the environment, as well as to its suppliers and customers, to base its commercial activities on well-managed forests.

James Latham was the first signatory to the Timber Trade Federation's Responsible Purchasing Policy, and continues to put environmental concerns at the core of its planning and decision-making. With the growing public awareness of issues of sustainability and with many customers specifically requesting certified timber, James Latham has taken steps to ensure its environmental policies are up-to-date and are recognised by its customers.

James Latham continues to make positive moves towards stocking products originating from sustainable and correctly managed forests,

and in particular FSC and PEFC products. Key members of staff take part in a full programme of worldwide visits to territories that supply legally verified timber, and third-party certified Iroko and Movingui have recently been added to the portfolio of responsibly-sourced stock.

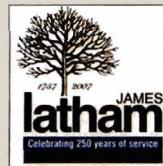
Customers can learn about the certification schemes from James Latham's informative literature on the topic. The latest *Guide to Environmental Certifications* outlines the company's environmental policies and is aimed at helping customers meet the Government's requirements for the purchase of verified legal timber. It details the Government's Central Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET) and explains the Chain of Custody (COC) certification.

The *Guide to Responsible Timber Purchasing*, meanwhile, provides answers to many questions that are frequently asked by customers regarding sustainability. An extensive list of FSC, PEFC and SGS accredited products that James Latham supplies can also be found in the guide.

James Latham has just been awarded TRADA-Trak's Forest Product Chain of Custody. The scheme by BM TRADA gives recognition and market access to national forest certification programmes and initiatives that are not currently included within FSC and/or PEFC certification programmes.

James Latham will continue to source timber from legally verified suppliers wherever possible, and will raise awareness of the importance of sustainable forestry.

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We are many shades of green.

James Latham is actively promoting forest sustainability, whether through the first step of ensuring that logging activities are verified as legal in tropical areas where governance is weak or right through to certification of well managed forests by FSC or PEFC.

The specialist importer and distributor of wood based panel products, hardwoods, softwoods and hardwood flooring can offer third party certified products across all our range. We are FSC and PEFC chain of custody accredited at all our nine UK sites. For further details contact marketing@lathams.co.uk, telephone 0116 257 3415 or visit www.lathamtimber.co.uk



Forest Stewardship Council - Oct 2001



Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes - Chain of Custody Dec 2003



SGS Verified Legal 2004



Malaysian Timber Certification Council - 2004



Timber Trades Federation Responsible Purchasing Policy - 2005



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