AUSTRALIAN FORESTRY STANDARD LIMITED

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Certification delivering quality timber products from the native forests of Tasmania

ITC Timber have announced that their sawmill and manufacturing facilities in Tasmania have been certified for chain of custody of timber products under the Australian Forest Certification Scheme.

The high-grade, native forest wood, which is processed and manufactured in Tasmania, is sourced from Forestry Tasmania who has been certified to AS 4708 *The Australian Forestry Standard* – the national Australian Standard® for sustainable forest management for native forests and plantations.

The processing and manufacturing operations of ITC Timber produce quality timbers for architectural applications, furniture, flooring and construction material based on the unique properties of 'Tassie Oak'.

Geoff Gorrie, Chair of Australian Forestry Standard Limited which is the custodian of the Australian Forest Certification Scheme, said "On behalf of Australian Forestry Standard Limited, I would like to welcome ITC Timbers to the "certification family" under the Australian Forest Certification Scheme.

"I personally congratulate Mr Guy Mycroft, ITC Timber General Manager and his dedicated team on its application of the chain of custody requirements within the company and in achieving this milestone for ITC Timber.

"Many companies in the timber supply chain are adopting the standard for chain of custody certification because they believe that it will add to the marketability of their sustainable and renewable products and improve the bottom line," he said.

ITC Timber have had their raw material procurement, the manufacturing processes and the company's quality and management systems audited against AS 4707—2006 *Chain of custody for certified wood and forest products* by an independent, third-party certification body in order to receive the accredited certificate under the Australian Standard®.

By achieving chain of custody certification under the Australian Forest Certification Scheme, ITC Timbers can now market their products with the use of the AFS logo or, if to an international market, under the PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) logo which provides immediate recognition in many global markets.

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