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Woodmark Update

We have certified over 9 million hectares of forests world-wide

We have issued 500 FM and COC certificates in the following countries:

Australia	Ireland	Slovakia
Belarus	Italy	Slovenia
Belgium	Japan	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Kenya	South Africa
Canada	Malaysia	Spain
Chile	Namibia	Swaziland
Croatia	Norway	Sweden
Czech Republic	PNG	USA
Denmark	Portugal	U.K.
Finland	Romania	
Hungary	Russia	

Pitesti, Timisoara, Tirgoviste, Suceava. Those areas were chosen in order to provide for the full range of tree species and balanced source of certified raw material along the country, considering also the demand for FSC certified wood in various regions. Pre-assessment started with Soil Association Woodmark as certification body in May 2004, going through all the eight branches during spring-summer.

From 30,000 to one million in three years

Following the government commitment and the successful implementation of a pilot project supporting FSC certification of some 31,000 thousand hectares of forests in Vanatori Neamt Forest Park, the National Forest



Administration (RNP-Romsilva) in Romania decided to go for certification of one million hectares state-owned forests. The process started in 2003, replicating experience gained during first FSC certification in the country in 2002. The area subject to FSC certification includes forests placed in eight county branches: Arad, Cluj, Hunedoara, Piatra Neamt,

The Lynx is one of the native species from this area, which should benefit from the certification.
Photo: Terry Spivey, USDA Forest Service, www.forestryimages.org



Presentation of the Certificate by Kevin Jones and Oliviu Iorgu

Following actions taken by the foresters, the main assessment took place early 2005. Main assessment has been done by Roger Busby (UK), Liviu Nastase and Oliviu Iorgu (Romania), Soil Association Woodmark lead assessors. As a result of national and local foresters' commitment and thorough work, an FSC certificate has been awarded to RNP-Romsilva on 10th of October 2005.

RNP-Romsilva is now able to supply FSC certified timber of more than 40 tree species in Romanian forests. Following forest management certification, the wood processing sector is considering developing more and more FSC certified products as a result of market demand.

“Romania now is passing through the last phase of forest restitution process towards the former owners. We are interested in benefits FSC certification may bring in various fields. Currently we are working to expand the gained experience for all forests, in order to get the whole Romanian state-owned forest area FSC certified. FSC certification of our processing facilities is also taken into consideration.” says Mr. Simion Maftey, RNP-Romsilva General Manager.

New Woodmark Certificates

FSC certified Bluegum plantations combat salinity problems & protect remnant native forest

Increasing salinity is now recognised as one of the most significant environmental problems facing Australia. While salt is naturally present in many Australian landscapes, European farming practices which replaced native forest with shallow-rooted crops and pastures have caused a marked increase in the expression of salinity in the land and water resources.

Rising groundwater levels, caused by these farming practices, are bringing with them dissolved salts which were stored in the ground for millennia.

“Salinity is contributing to species extinctions and loss of ecosystem health, in the Western Australian wheatbelt, salinity has caused a 50% decrease in the numbers of waterbird species using the wetlands and 450 plant species are threatened with extinction as a result of increasing salinity (Keighery et al. 2000).”

Salt is being transported to the root-zones of remnant vegetation, crops, pastures, and directly into wetlands, streams and river systems. The rising water tables are also affecting rural infrastructure including buildings, roads, pipes and underground cables. Salinity and rising water tables incur significant and costly impacts.

The re-establishment of deep-rooted perennials, for example through the establishment of tree plantations, was identified as a key strategy in ameliorating the environmental impacts of clearing.



Natural regeneration in stand of remnant vegetation benefitting from removal of livestock, neighbouring the Hansol Bluegum Plantation

In the late 1980's the CALM planted ca. 1,500 ha of bluegums in a pilot share-farming scheme, funded by the State Government to demonstrate potential. The industry quickly took off, CALM greatly expanding its planting programme by encouraging private investment. Other local companies launched their own bluegum plantation projects, again mostly on a cropshare basis on privately owned farmland and Japanese and Korean pulp and paper companies invested in operations. There are now in excess of 200,000ha of plantation in Western Australia.



Photo shows coppice (2R) regeneration at Hansol PI and typical landscape of plantation on ex-agricultural land interspersed with patches of remnant vegetation. Significant watercourse is shown with protection buffers.

Hansol PI is one such company that was formed in 2002 to provide plantation management, harvesting, transport, processing and exporting services to the plantation timber industry. The company now manages around 15,000 ha of Eucalyptus plantations situated in the south-west of Western Australia.

Individual properties on which Hansol's plantations are established were mapped in detail prior to establishment. Areas of remnant vegetation were identified and set aside from planted areas - buffer strips are placed around areas of remnant vegetation and along watercourses.

Hansol are now in the process of surveying suitable areas of native vegetation in the vicinity of plantation land to enter into the CALM 'land for wildlife scheme'. *Land for Wildlife* is a voluntary scheme that aims to encourage and assist private landholders in Western Australia to provide habitats for wildlife on their property, even though the property may be managed primarily for other purposes.

The Hansol FSC certificates for forest management and chain of custody were issued in March and April 2006 respectively.

Woodmark Certificates

New certificates in Finland and Norway

Woodmark now has three COC certificates in Finland and a further 3 undergoing assessment. M-Real in Finland was certified in April 2005 (SA-COC-1428), it produces wallpaper base for export to the UK. Hansaprint (SA-COC-1500), a printing house also located in Finland was certified in January 2006. It produces printed material on FSC certified paper, its first product was a tourist magazine for a Swedish company. Viken Skog (SA-COC-1496) is a transportation company which buys timber from Norway and Sweden delivering to sawmill and papermills. It was certified in January 2006 and is Woodmark's first licensee in Norway.

New certificates in Spain

Woodmark has issued its first 2 certificates in Spain to **Industrias Exportadoras de Carbon S.A. (INECASA)**. The FM Certificate SA-FM/COC-1478 covers the management of 2 cork oak orchards (45 hectares & 223 hectares). The COC certificate SA-COC-1479 covers the production of charcoal from these and other FSC-certified sites. INECASA say that FSC certification has helped them access new, important Northern European markets for their charcoal that they were previously excluded from.

Having enjoyed the process of producing detailed management plans & biodiversity inventories, the Company is now preparing to expand the scope of their Certificate to cover other orchards.

Woodmark is hoping to expand its client base in Spain & Portugal. If you would like more information about this please contact Vanessa Linforth at: vinforth@soilassociation.org.



Certificates in Australia

Three new FSC certificates were issued in Australia during March and April, including the plantation company and chipping facility in Western Australia managed by Hansol PI and an offset printers in Sydney - Universal Graphics & Printing (Aust) Pty Ltd T/A ecoDesign ecoPrint. This brings the number of Woodmark certificates in Australia up to six.

Events/Meetings

APF – Forestry Machinery Exhibition, 21st to 23rd September 2006, Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire.

Further details of the Exhibition can be obtained from :

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Woodmark People

Janette McKay

Janette McKay has recently become a certification manager with Woodmark. She has previously been a lead auditor and peer reviewer.

She has a strong background in social forestry and in nature conservation. On completion of her MSc in Forestry Janette became the project co-ordinator for a community and forest conservation project for BirdLife International in Cameroon. She returned to her native Scotland in 1995 where she has since worked for a small community forestry NGO, and a variety of community groups. She has also served for 3 years on the Scottish Natural Heritage West Areas Board and spent 6 years as the chairperson of a successful community recycling company. She works part-time from her home in Angus, Scotland where she lives with her husband and family.



Oliviu Iorgu

Oliviu Iorgu is working as Woodmark's representative in Romania. Oliviu graduated Forest Faculty in Romania in 1990. After graduating, he undertook various responsibilities in Romanian forestry sector - for a short time in harvesting and processing industry, then working in silviculture at various levels, including afforestation, game management, forest protection and pest control. For four years he used to be protected area (protected landscape) manager, implementing a GEF funded biodiversity conservation project in Romania. One of the project objectives was FSC certification of the forest area within the protected area, which became FSC certified in 2002. After that, Oliviu became lead auditor and recently, Woodmark's representative in Romania and some of the neighbouring countries.



Bernd Reitenspiess

Bernd Reitenspiess is Woodmark's Team Intern. He has finished his postgraduate studies of forest science at the Technische University Munich (TUM) as a forest engineer (univ.) at the end of last year. To gain practical working experience in the field of sustainable forest management and as the final part of his international master studies he has been working for Woodmark since January 2006.

Bernd's internship is partly sponsored by the European Commission's Leonardo da Vinci Programme for natural and engineer sciences. At Woodmark Bernd is responsible for the information flow between the single Certification managers and the head office. He receives phone calls, does administrative work, and is in contact with FSC regularly. Having taken part at several Audits, he is now getting more and more involved in the process of Certification.

Bernd will be leaving us at the end of July, and is currently looking for a permanent position in the field of certification.



New Woodmark Certificates

The following certificates have been issued since July 2005:

Chain of Custody		
Woodmark Licensee	Certificate Code	Country
FTG Veneer	SA-COC-1448	Chile
Tokos d.o.o.	SA-COC-1449	Slovenia
Lesgal	SA-COC-1450	Slovenia
RKL Plywood	SA-COC-1451	UK
Lesgam	SA-COC-1454	Slovenia
Ornamentum Furniture	SA-COC-1236	Canada
Exmoor Woodcert	SA-COC-1455	UK
Commoditrade Marketing cc trading as log-gistics	SA-COC-1456	South Africa
Rottneros AB	SA-COC-1457	Sweden
Takagin Wood Works	SA-COC-1452	Japan
Nissho Printing Co., Ltd.	SA-COC-1458	Japan
Mackintosh & Partners	SA-COC-1461	UK
Benlowe Windows & Doors	SA-COC-1462	UK
Shinko Yoshi Co., Ltd.	SA-COC-1464	Japan
Oohara Printing Co., Ltd.	SA-COC-1465	Japan
Ebeniste Limited	SA-COC-1466	UK
Severn Gorge Countryside Trust	SA-COC-1467	UK
Garnett Dickinson Print Ltd	SA-COC-1468	UK
Losan Romania S.R.L.	SA-COC-1469	Romania
Ess Enn Ltd	SA-COC-1471	UK
A. Mir Ltd	SA-COC-1472	UK
Kamatsuta Area Certified Charcoal Production Group	SA-COC-1474	Japan
M-Real	SA-COC-1473	Sweden
Prinfo	SA-COC-1475	Sweden
XL Joinery	SA-COC-1476	UK
Golden Pharos	SA-COC-1477	UK
INECASA	SA-COC-1479	Spain
SC Nurvil	SA-COC-1480	Romania
Inspiration Timber Products	SA-COC-1481	Malaysia
Broadcraft	SA-COC-1482	UK
Premdor	SA-COC-1483	UK
Bedford timber	SA-COC-1484	UK
Bagnalls	SA-COC-1485	UK
Rågsvedens	SA-COC-1486	Sweden
Taylor Bloxham	SA-COC-1487	UK
Buckingham Colour Group Ltd	SA-COC-1488	UK
Stamco Timber Ltd.	SA-COC-1489	UK
D Bedford Penstraze Sawmills	SA-COC-1490	UK
Benlowe Stairs	SA-COC-1491	UK
Europa Leisure	SA-COC-1492	UK
SC Globalwood SRL	SA-COC-1493	Romania
SC Cricket SRL	SA-COC-1494	Romania
Braai & Barbecue	SA-COC-1258	South Africa
Sherman & Young	SA-COC-1495	UK
Viken Skog	SA-COC-1496	Norway
Nakamura Lumber Company	SA-COC-1499	Japan
Hansaprint Artukainen	SA-COC-1500	Finland
Hokuryo Rinsan Ltd. Iwaizumi Factory	SA-COC-1501	Japan
Linney Print	SA-COC-1502	UK
Rödins Trävaru AB	SA-COC-1504	Sweden
Greenwood Forest Products UK Ltd.	SA-COC-1505	UK
TBWA/JAPAN E-GRAPHICS Company	SA-COC-1506	Japan
Hathaway & Hoyle	SA-COC-1507	UK
CO.MO.L.A.S S.R.L.	SA-COC-1508	Italy
Transcontinental Group	SA-COC-1509	UK
Benchmark Woodworking	SA-COC-1510	UK
Brookridge Timber Ltd	SA-COC-1511	UK
Caima Indústria de Celulose S.A.	SA-COC-1513	Portugal
Heritage Envelopes Ltd	SA-COC-1514	UK
RADEČE PAPIR	SA-COC-1515	Slovenia
Taishocho Forestry Association Laminated Lumber Factory	SA-COC-1516	Japan
Leisure Grow Products Ltd	SA-COC-1521	UK
T P Jordeson and Co Ltd T/A B. Berry & Son	SA-COC-1522	UK
Decco Ltd T/A Joseph Bentley Garden Tools	SA-COC-1523	UK
M & M Timber Ltd	SA-COC-1524	UK

Solid Floor Ltd	SA-COC-1525	UK
Cambridge University Press	SA-COC-1527	UK
Kaga Lumber Co., Ltd.	SA-COC-1518	Japan
Kanazawa Mokuzai Cooperative	SA-COC-1519	Japan
Minamikaga Mokuzai Cooperative	SA-COC-1520	Japan
Hansol PI	SA-COC-1529	Australia
Hobbs The Printers Ltd	SA-COC-1530	UK
JT Dove Ltd	SA-COC-1531	UK
Universal Graphics & Printing (Aust) Pty Ltd T/A ecoDesign ecoPrint	SA-COC-1532	Australia
SH Foster Ltd	SA-COC-1533	UK
Cartiere del Garda	SA-COC-1534	Italy
Toyo Materia Corporation	SA-COC-1535	Japan
SC Brushes & Brooms Gatto Impex SRL	SA-COC-1536	Romania
Evans Bellhouse Ltd	SA-COC-1537	UK
Crawley Timber Co Ltd	SA-COC-1538	UK
Kaunet Co., Ltd	SA-COC-1539	Japan
Soshinsha Co., Ltd.	SA-COC-1540	Japan
GE Robinson & Co	SA-COC-1541	UK
Wrights Timber Co. Ltd	SA-COC-1542	UK
Manningham Concrete Limited	SA-COC-1543	UK

Forest Management & Chain of Custody

Woodmark Licensee	Certificate code	Country	Area (ha)
Stockholm Vatten	SA-FM/COC-1065	Sweden	5,543
The Dartington Hall Trust	SA-FM/COC-1013	UK	97
Dartington	SA-FM/COC-1445	UK	21
Pryor and Rickett	SA-FM/COC-1446	UK	516
Environmental Management Consulting Group Scheme	SA-FM/COC-1453	South Africa	2,502
Holmen Skog Group Scheme	SA-FM/COC-1346	Sweden	19,475
Kinsky dal Borgo, a.s.	SA-FM/COC-1459	Czech Republic	7,252
Městské lesy Volary s.r.o.	SA-FM/COC-1460	Czech Republic	3,250
Eel Ground Community Development Centre Inc.	SA-FM/COC-1463	Canada	2,853
Romsilva	SA-FM/COC-1470	Romania	1,075,512
INECASA	SA-FM/COC-1478	Spain	268
Dospat Forest Management Unit	SA-FM/COC-1497	Bulgaria	19,429
Forest Co-operative Borika	SA-FM/COC-1498	Bulgaria	1,998
Kent County Council	SA-FM/COC-1503	UK	558,00
Silvicaima Sociedade Silvícola Caima S.A.	SA-FM/COC-1512	Portugal	23,359
Groent Paraply i Sverige AB	SA-FM/COC-1104	Sweden	22,490
Esus Forestry and Woodlands Ltd	SA-FM/COC-1517	UK	990
National Trust	SA-FM/COC-1526	UK	24,745
Hansol PI Pty Ltd	SA-FM/COC-1528	Australia	14,882

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