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NEW YEAR HONOUR FOR PEFC UK CHAIRMAN

We are delighted to announce that Peter Latham, the Chairman of leading timber merchants James Latham plc and PEFC UK, was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List. Recognised for services to the UK wood industry, Peter has dedicated more than 20 years to sustainable timber sourcing and responsible forest management.



In addition to heading up one of Britain's oldest timber companies – James Latham began importing hardwoods into Liverpool in 1757 – and his PEFC UK role, Peter is a former Chairman of Forests Forever (the environmental committee of the Timber Trade Federation) and is a trustee of the Commonwealth Forestry Association (the world's longest established international forestry organisation).

Throughout his long career in the timber industry, Peter has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable forest management by advocating that the UK timber industry should commit to sourcing only legal and sustainable timber products. He has generously given his time and experience to support both public and private sector measures to ensure that Britain leads the way in responsible timber procurement. He helped develop and implement the UK Government's timber procurement policy – CPET (Central Point of Expertise on Timber) and has led several DFID-funded timber trade delegations to Africa and East Asia, to better understand

the issues surrounding illegally logged timber, the environmental damage it causes and its impact on developing nations' economies and governance.

Peter's contribution to the development of PEFC in the UK has been immense. Real progress can be measured in terms of demand for chain of custody certification. When he took up his position on the PEFC UK Board, less than 100 companies were certified and now the number stands at over 1,300.

Sadly, Peter will be giving up the chairmanship of PEFC UK this month to take up a new position as a member of the board of PEFC International. While, we are sorry to lose Peter from the UK Board, we are confident that the global PEFC family will benefit from his commitment, expertise and experience and wish him well in his new role.

DISPLAY YOUR ACHIEVEMENT WITH PRIDE

Would you like to display your PEFC credentials to everyone who visits your company? If so, why not order a PEFC plaque (exclusive to certified companies) to display in your business premises. These are available to order direct from PEFC UK for **just £15** plus VAT (inclusive of post and packing).

The plaques, made of PEFC-certified Trepsa (a wood fibre and resin composite) are weatherproof so they can be displayed indoors or outdoors. They are available in landscape format and measure 15 x 30cm.

To order email info@pefc.co.uk



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RIO FOREST DECLARATION

PEFC believes that forest certification is an important tool to maintain and enhance the world's forest resource and contribute to global efforts to reduce forest degradation. We are therefore urging governments and other stakeholders to recognise the Rio Forest Certification Declaration in their deliberations of the Rio+20 Outcome Document. The Rio+20 conference will be held from 20 – 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Further details can be found at www.uncsd2012.org/rio20

We believe that a common set of principles is needed to provide guidance on promoting forest certification and its continuing growth to advance sustainable forest management. We need to ensure that actions by all stakeholders involved in forest certification result in a decrease of forest degradation and an increase in understanding and awareness of the benefits that the world's forests have to offer.

This is the aim of the Rio Forest Certification Declaration. Launched in 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, the declaration picks up on ideas that have previously emerged in other documents, including the 1992 Rio Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Agenda 21, the UN Charter, and the Forest Principles, to establish a framework that all stakeholders should be able to support.

If you would like to show your support, you can sign the declaration online at www.rioforestcertificationdeclaration.org

UKWAS REVISION

The UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) has recently completed its latest revision. UKWAS is an independent certification standard for verifying sustainable woodland management. The national certification standard used by both PEFC and FSC in the UK, it was developed on a consensus basis through an inclusive multi-stakeholder process with a balanced representation of economic, environmental and social interests.

The success of the unique UKWAS approach is clear as the standard forms the basis of the forest certification programmes operated in the UK by both PEFC and FSC. Both global schemes provide a way for the UK forestry sector to assure buyers and users that its wood and wood products come from responsibly- managed woodlands. 45% of the UK's woodland area and an estimated 85% of harvested timber is certified through one or both of these schemes.

The standard is revised every five years. The third edition has been agreed by stakeholders and was endorsed by PEFC Council in November last year. The development of the latest edition has been informed by a three-year review process including international benchmarking and several rounds of stakeholder consultation. Full account has been taken of the new governmental UK Forestry Standard's requirements and those of FSC and PEFC. For further details visit <http://ukwas.org.uk>

PEFC CO-SPONSORS RFS SCHOOLS AWARD

PEFC UK is proud to be a co-sponsor of the 2012 Royal Forestry Society (RFS) schools award. The awards are held in association with Forestry Commission England.

The RFS is currently searching the South West of England to find the most inspirational educational projects that promote learning about trees. The Schools award is part of a wider RFS Woodlands Awards which includes four woodland categories – Multipurpose (Duke of Cornwall), Silviculture, Community and Small Woodlands.

Entry to the RFS Schools Award 2012 is free and there are prizes of £1000 for the winner and £500 for the runner up. The Award is open to all schools, colleges and educational establishments, from nursery to age 18, in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset and Avon, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall and the Channel Islands, and can encompass any current project relating to trees and woodlands.

The competition aims to increase young people's understanding and appreciation



of the environmental, social and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between trees and everyday wood products.

The awards move around the country in a seven-year rotation, and previous winners have included Pinewood Special

School in Hoe Road, Ware, Hertfordshire for its whole school approach to looking at wood craft, woodland management and conservation (2011); Bladon School, Oxfordshire, for its OneOak project (2010) and Middleton in Teesdale Primary School for a project which explored the myths and magic around the trees in the North Pennines (2009).

Entries must be received by 6 March 2012, and judging will be held in May and June 2012. For further details and entry forms visit www.rfs.org.uk or email rfscompetition@boyns.net.



PEFC HOSTS ROUNDTABLE EVENT

In October, PEFC hosted a breakfast Roundtable event which was attended by some of the country's leading contractors. Delegates heard Dr Peter Bonfield; Head of Construction Products at the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and Chief Executive at BRE, describe how the 2012 London Olympic Park development is destined to be a future model for timber procurement and its legal and sustainable supply.

The ODA has committed to sourcing 100% certified timber through the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) schemes and is working towards dual Project Certification for the whole Olympic Park development—the first dual project certification in the world. This groundbreaking achievement in sustainable timber procurement has played a prominent role in helping the ODA achieve its commitment of making the London 2012 Olympic Games the greenest games ever.

PEFC AND LAVERS HOST CHINESE FORESTRY DELEGATION

A high ranking delegation from the Chinese Science & Technology Development Centre, State Forestry Administration, visited the UK in December.

They were here to find out more about UK forest management in general and forest certification standards such as PEFC's in particular, as well as to explore opportunities for future cooperation.

Alun Watkins and PEFC Board Director Rob Shaw of Scottish Woodlands hosted an informal seminar on PEFC forest and chain of custody certification. This was followed by a visit to Sheffield-based timber merchant Arnold Laver to find out more about their operation.

The delegation's busy itinerary also included meetings with the Forestry Commission and Government departments to discuss UK timber procurement policies.

The visit follows approval of China's application for membership of PEFC at the 2011 General Assembly. The State Forestry Administration is now in the process of developing a Chinese national sustainable forest management standard which will be submitted for PEFC endorsement in due course.



Andrew Laver, MD of Arnold Laver & Co with Chinese delegates.

DRUPA 2012 'Lean and Green' area, Hall 6

In May, PEFC UK will join colleagues from across Europe to exhibit at Drupa, the largest printing equipment exhibition in the world. Drupa is held once every four years at Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, City of Düsseldorf, Germany.

The 2008 show attracted almost 400,000 visitors from 140 countries and 2,000 exhibitors from 54 countries. This year's show will run from 3-16 May. PEFC will be located in the Lean and Green area in the centre of Hall 6.

The PEFC stand will serve as a central point of information for the print and graphics sector on sourcing sustainable paper.



ECOBUILD 2012 South Hall, Stand S1221

In March, PEFC will be exhibiting at Ecobuild – the world's largest event for sustainable design, construction and the build environment. This year's show will be held at London's ExCeL exhibition and conference centre from 20-22 March.

For the first time, PEFC UK will be sharing a stand with fellow PEFC member schemes – the North American Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) – www.sfiprogram.org and the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) – www.mtcc.com.my.

All three organisations will there to promote the benefits of certified timber from around the globe. If you are planning to visit the show, you can find us in the South Hall, Stand S1221.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

We recognise that it's not always easy to concisely describe the PEFC programme. So, to help explain to customers what's behind the PEFC 'green trees' logo, we have developed a handy, pocket-sized guide to PEFC. It explains what PEFC is, what PEFC certification means and why it helps provide assurances of responsible sourcing.

This credit-card size publication is available free of charge while stocks last from PEFC. To order please email info@pefc.co.uk stating number of units required.



PEFC ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

You can now keep a closer eye on what PEFC UK are doing daily by following us on Twitter –@AlunPEFCUK.

Alun and the PEFC UK team will be regularly tweeting updates and important snippets of industry activity for you. For everyone using LinkedIn, PEFC UK now has a special Certified & Responsibly-Sourced Wood-based Products Group, where you can discuss, share opinions, experiences and gain advice, on issues surrounding certified timber use and supply in the UK.

Follow Alun on @AlunPEFCUK at www.twitter.com and join the networking Group at www.linkedin.com

PEFC TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH EU TIMBER REGULATION

PEFC's International Chain of Custody standard will be revised to ensure that PEFC-certified companies meet the requirements of the forthcoming EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), which will come into force in March 2013.

The EUTR will make it illegal to place illegally harvested timber and timber products on the EU market. The legislation will require that due diligence is applied to all timber first placed on the EU market and also that traders, further down the supply chain, keep track of who timber or timber products were bought from, and where applicable, who they were sold to. The regulation will apply to everyone trading timber and timber products in the EU, including paper, furniture, wood fuel etc., therefore affecting thousands of companies of all sizes involved in domestic

timber production or importing it from outside the EU.

The PEFC Board of Directors decided at its last meeting to revise the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard to ensure that all certified companies meet the EUTR requirements. In close coordination with the EU Commission, PEFC is currently performing a gap analysis as input for next month's Chain of Custody working group meeting.

"PEFC-certified companies can be confident that the EUTR requirements will be covered through their Chain of Custody certification," said Michael Berger, Head of Technical Unit at PEFC International. "PEFC certification may also be the most straightforward option for currently uncertified companies to meet the EUTR requirements."

MEET PEFC

19th Illegal Logging Stakeholder Update

9-10 February 2012
Chatham House, London
For further details visit www.illegal-logging.info

Ecobuild

20-22 March 2012
ExCel, London
For further details visit www.ecobuild.co.uk

DRUPA 2012

3-16 May 2012
Messe Düsseldorf GmbH
For further details visit www.drupa.com

PEFC UK AGM and Stakeholder Forum

Tuesday, 26 June 2012
Venue to be advised.

Timber Expo 2012

25-26 September 2012
Ricoh Arena, Coventry
For further details visit www.timber-expo.co.uk

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