



Shelter Systems Achieves FSC Certification

October 21, 2008, Westminster, MD— Shelter Systems Limited of Westminster, Maryland was awarded Chain of Custody Certification by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in June 2008. The certification allows the company to purchase, store and build components with FSC certified lumber. Over the last several years, the FSC brand has become one of the most recognizable among builders pursuing green building practices.

Linda Hikel, Shelter's CFO, said attaining FSC Certification was important for the company because it allows them to partner with builders looking to achieve green-built certification. Hikel said the certification process took two months from start to finish. Before being approved, the company had to demonstrate its ability to keep FSC certified wood separated from other wood, along with other inventory control measures.

Products made from FSC-certified wood are important elements of many green building programs that exist in the United States and Canada. For instance, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program currently awards credits for buildings containing structural building components built *solely* with FSC-certified wood. Shelter's FSC Certification will now allow the company to help its customers achieve credits in this area by supplying roof and floor trusses built with FSC wood.

As green building practices gain popularity with consumers and state and local governments, Shelter is poised to serve customers endeavoring to build green. As of April 2008, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC have all passed initiatives requiring new federal government or state-owned buildings to meet the benchmarks defined in the LEED rating system. "Our region has seen an uptick in green commercial and government buildings in the last year," noted Joe Hikel, Shelter's COO. "We're ready to help our customers achieve certain green ratings by supplying a certified green product."

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