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### **Contact Industries Earns the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain-of-Custody Certification**

**December 4, 2007,** Portland, Ore. -- Contact Industries was recently awarded Forest Stewardship Council Chain-of-Custody certification after completing an extensive accreditation process. Since 1946, the company has specialized in extending valuable wood resources through the innovative design and manufacture of architectural moulding and millwork components for commercial, residential and institutional projects.

"In a year where we were recognized as an ISO 9001 certified organization, we are pleased to also be able to offer our customers FSC chain of custody certification for the products we provide," said Peter McKibbin, Contact Industries Vice President. "This recognition from FSC helps validate the resource efficient practices we've been using for many years."

McKibbin said the decision to seek FSC certification was in part a response to customer requests for products that qualify for credits under the US Green Building Council's LEED certification programs. "But the larger impetus," he explained, "was the desire to further validate what we already knew was an environmentally responsible manufacturing process we actually began in 1985."

Contact Industries' profile wrapping process allows the organization to extend the hardwood resource up to 50 times when compared to conventional solid wood millwork. Traditionally, a solid, clear blank of 5/4 hardwood lumber might make a single moulding profile, but by using modern veneer slicing technology, Contact Industries can get as many as 50 identical veneered products from that same blank. This result is achieved by slicing thin veneers and wrapping those veneers over a profile formed from finger-jointed pine or other specified substrates.

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Moreover, the company's innovative production techniques mean that 95% of the wood that enters Contact's manufacturing facility leaves as a usable product.

Contact has long offered customers the option of using FSC- and SFI-certified substrates and veneers. Now, with FSC chain-of-custody certification, those products can retain their certified status as they enter the end-use marketplace. "With a relatively new emphasis on the commercial construction market for our products, I expect this certification will give us a foothold in a number of projects seeking LEED certification which we previously had a difficult time breaking into," McKibbin said.

Auditing for the FSC chain-of-custody certification was conducted through the auspices of Scientific Certification Systems, which is an independent, third-party auditing organization based in Oakland, California.

**About Contact Industries:**

Contact Industries' veneer wrapped solutions and advances in adhesive technology eliminate delamination concerns and allow their products to perform better than the solid woods they replace. Contact Industries is capable of wrapping any species of real wood veneer over profiles in almost any substrate, including metal, vinyl, fiberglass and a variety of wood composite materials. In addition to wood veneers, Contact is also capable of wrapping synthetics such as printed and embossed vinyl and impregnated cellulose over both wood and non-wood substrates. For more information, visit [www.contactind.com](http://www.contactind.com) or call 800.547.1038.

**About Forest Stewardship Council:**

FSC is an international not-for-profit membership-based organization that brings people together to find solutions to the problems created by bad forestry practices and to reward good forest management. FSC chain of custody certification provides assurance regarding the path taken by raw materials from the forest to the consumer, including all successive stages of processing, transformation, manufacturing and distribution. For more information, visit [ww.fsc.org](http://ww.fsc.org).

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