

## **Viking Forest Products Environmental Policy**

Viking Forest Products is dedicated to building and enhancing professionalism within our industry sphere and providing a wide range of products and information to the customers we serve. We recognize that leadership in the forest products industry carries a responsibility to the environment and, in particular, the world's forests. Viking Forest Products actively support those suppliers who use sustainable forest management practices that promote forest sustainability and result in long-term environmental, social and economic benefit.

We at Viking Forest Products endorse the significant efforts being made within the forest products industry to assuage the public's environmental concerns through the development and implementation of scientifically based forest products certification programs. We view the wise and prudent use of renewable resources as a cornerstone to the world's long term building products needs, and support those firms and organizations that embrace these practices. We define certified forest products as those materials that originate in forests that have been independently audited and certified as well managed by a credible independent third party. We intend to increase the purchase and sale of third party certified forest products when price and availability allow.

In accordance with the above policy, it is our intent to inform and educate our employees, customers and suppliers on those organizations that are developing and promoting forest products certification programs. Accordingly, we recognize the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) as some of the leading programs using sound, scientifically based management principles in promoting sustainable forestry practices.

Viking Forest Products promotes implementation of and compliance with constructive logging laws in all global timber-producing regions. We categorically reject illegal logging practices in any part of the timber-producing world and support the establishment of laws and regulations that protect legal and sustainable trade in forest products. We urge all levels of government to enforce laws established to prevent environmental destruction caused by illegal logging.

Viking Forest Products is committed to leveraging its influence in the marketplace to promote the conservation and protection of natural resources. Wood products from our forests provide vital benefits and are widely used in all facets of residential and commercial construction, furnishings and many other applications. We recognize and promote wood as the only all-natural, biodegradable, renewable resource that will provide for our benefit today and for our children tomorrow.