

Scientific Certification Systems Recognizes Shaw with Forest Stewardship Chain of Custody Certificate

Dalton, Ga. – March 23, 2010 – Shaw Industries announced today that its hardwood manufacturing facility located in South Pittsburg, Tenn., named Plant HW, has earned Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certification from Scientific Certification Systems, the leading FSC certifier in the United States.

FSC provides third-party certification confirming that materials used are harvested from well-managed forest operations. Shaw's certificate number is SCS-COC-003075.

Plant HW began operations in 2006 and exclusively manufactures the company's EnviroCore™ engineered hardwood flooring brand. Veneers used in EnviroCore are obtained from North American managed forests deemed sustainable by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and all styles are in compliance with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requirements. Shaw will manufacture FSC-certified EnviroCore hardwood products by special request only. Lead time and minimum quantities will be regulated.

All EnviroCore products comply with the recently revised Lacey Act, the United States' national wildlife protection statute that has been amended to make it a criminal offense to import illegally logged timber products into the U.S. Additionally, the entire EnviroCore product line is Cradle to Cradle^{cm} Silver Certified by McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC) and meets the stringent chemical emissions standards of the GREENGUARD Children & School program.

EnviroCore hardwood uses up to 50 percent less newly harvested wood than conventional 3/8" engineered wood flooring products due to its dense inner layer, which is composed of post-industrial wood fiber created in the manufacture of other products.

According to David Wilkerson, Shaw's corporate director of sustainability and product stewardship, products like EnviroCore hardwood are part of Shaw's overall commitment to the philosophy, Sustainability through Innovation™-- That's the Shaw Green Edge®. "Shaw is committed to creating the most beautiful and sustainable flooring in the world. Our world-class research and development team is continually developing product solutions that exceed the expectations of our customers—while protecting the ecosystem," said Wilkerson. "The FSC certification of Plant HW is an important achievement which supports our assertion that Epic hardwood is the most sustainable hardwood flooring in the marketplace today."

Scientific Certification Systems is the leader in environmental and sustainability certification. One of the first bodies accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council in 1996, SCS has since certified more than 30 million acres of responsible-managed forests and 3000 companies in the FSC supply chain worldwide.

About Shaw Contract Group

Shaw Contract Group defines design not only by great appearance, but also performance and sustainability. The result is long-lasting carpet with vibrant colors, distinctive patterns, and minimal environmental impact. As a division of Shaw Industries, Shaw Contract Group combines the expertise of the world's largest carpet manufacturer with the financial stability of a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. For more information, visit shawcontractgroup.com

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