



## **Titan Wood Announces Opening of Americas Office**

DALLAS, TX — February 15, 2008 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) — Titan Wood Limited, the pioneers of a remarkable "new wood species" known as Accoya<sup>®</sup>, has announced the official opening of its regional office for the Americas in Dallas, Texas.

"Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood has received an overwhelming response in the Americas and we are delighted to expand our physical presence in this key market," comments Willy Paterson-Brown, Executive Chairman of parent company, Accsys Technologies PLC, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange AIM market and on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext. "Dallas is the ideal base for our regional office due to its central location, the ease of doing business there and its abundance of qualified personnel", he adds.

Titan Wood, a rapidly growing and successful company, manufactures and sells licenses to manufacture Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood around the world. The Company currently has a 30,000m<sup>3</sup> production plant in the Netherlands (with plans to double capacity to meet strong demand) that supplies the European market. The facility also acts as a technology demonstration plant and temporary supply facility to licensees who will build further facilities around the world. License option agreements for several key markets are in advanced stages of negotiation and licensee Diamond Wood China is proceeding with a new plant in the People's Republic of China.

Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood answers the growing demand for a high performance, non-toxic, sustainable alternative to increasingly scarce tropical hardwoods, toxic treated woods, wood composites and artificial alternatives, as the awareness of the negative impacts of the manufacture and disposal of such products increases.

The natural beauty, versatility and renewability of wood are fundamental to its universal popularity. When properties such as high strength, light weight and good insulation are required, wood becomes the ideal choice for many applications. Unfortunately, however, many wood species are susceptible to deterioration, especially when used outdoors.

That's where Titan Wood steps in with Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood. The result of many years' intensive research and development, the patented wood modification technique used in the production of Accoya<sup>®</sup> makes the consistent supply of durable, dimensionally stable, sustainable, non-toxic wood a reality. Based on wood acetylation, the Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood production process does not introduce anything into the wood that does not already naturally occur within it but the resulting change in the wood's chemistry makes it more durable, stable and reliable than even the very best tropical hardwoods.

Accoya<sup>®</sup> wood has been extensively tested and proven. With an above-ground life of 50 years, it is ideal for demanding exterior applications, including windows, doors, siding, decking, and exterior load-bearing beams for buildings, bridges and other structures. It is easy to maintain, requires less frequent coatings maintenance and saves on environmental and financial costs. Prices are competitive with other premier building products and all Accoya<sup>®</sup> produced by Titan Wood is made using wood sourced from Forest Stewardship Council and other regionally certified, sustainably-managed sources.

Wherever you can imagine wood, imagine Accoya<sup>®</sup>.

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### Notes to Editors:

**Titan Wood Limited** ([www.titanwood.com](http://www.titanwood.com)) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Accsys Technologies PLC ([www.accsysplc.com](http://www.accsysplc.com)) group of companies. Accsys Technologies PLC is listed on the London Stock Exchange AIM market and on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext, under the symbols 'AXS'.

**Accoya® wood** ([www.accoya.info](http://www.accoya.info)) is produced using a patented process that effectively converts sustainably grown softwoods and non-durable hardwoods into what is best described as a 'new wood species', via acetylation. Distinguished by its durability, dimensional stability and, perhaps most importantly of all, its reliability (in terms of consistency of both supply and quality), Accoya® wood is particularly suited to exterior applications where performance and appearance are valued. Accoya® wood exhibits superior resistance to UV degradation and improved thermal insulation. Moreover, the Accoya® wood production process does not compromise the wood's strength or machinability. The combination of UV resistance, dimensional stability, durability and retained strength means that Accoya® wood offers a wealth of new opportunities to architects, designers and specifiers.

**Wood Acetylation** is a process, which increases the amount of 'acetyl' molecules in wood, thereby changing its physical properties. The process protects wood from rot by making it "inedible" to most micro-organisms and insects, without – unlike conventional treatments – making it toxic. It also greatly reduces the wood's tendency to swell and shrink, making it less prone to cracking and ensuring that when painted it requires dramatically reduced maintenance.