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Cutting-Edge Wood on Show at Interbuild

BSW Timber is taking the opportunity to showcase the new Accoya Timber on the Sikkens - Akzo Nobel stand at Interbuild's Timber Zone from April 23rd -27th.

This reflects the strong partnership developed between the two companies in Accoya's testing and warranty development with the collaborative work now entering a second phase.

This focuses on Accoya's introduction to joinery manufacturers, local authorities and architects. Several windows have now been produced as the first manufacturers evaluate the product.



John Alexander, head of business development at BSW Timber, said: "Exposure at Interbuild provides an opportunity for disseminating the Accoya message to a range of interested parties. Accoya windows and doors have the opportunity to become the longest-life, lowest-maintenance timber windows and doors available. The showcase display will present:

- Headline key attributes

- A more in-depth scientific information to explain the basis of this potential.
- An Accoya window produced by Wrights Joinery, Hull.

It will also be important to communicate Accoya's sustainability credentials at the showcase. The production technology, which only increases levels of components found naturally in the timber, will be explained.

Ends 21st April 2006

Notes to editor:

The wood is produced using a patented process that boosts the amount of acetyl molecules in sustainably-grown softwoods and non-durable hardwoods.

Natural wood has two per cent acetyl molecules and oak four per cent, but Accoya has a massive 20 per cent.

Wood acetylation is crucial because it protects wood from rot by making it inedible to most micro-organisms and insects, without making the product toxic.

The process also greatly reduces the wood's tendency to swell and shrink, making it less prone to cracking and ensuring that, when painted, it requires less maintenance.

Acetyl molecules are already present in all wood species so the process does not introduce anything that does not already occur naturally in wood.

BSW Timber has signed an agreement with Titan Wood to be the exclusive supplier of Accoya across the UK and Ireland.