



James Latham to Distribute Accoya® Wood in the UK - 2/9/09

Titan Wood Limited has appointed Lathams Ltd as a national distributor in the United Kingdom for Accoya® wood, the highly durable, dimensionally stable and sustainable alternative to tropical hardwoods and less durable species.

Lathams imports and distributes timber throughout the UK and has a strong track record in successfully marketing new and innovative products. Accoya® wood is now available through Lathams, from its eight distribution points covering the UK.

Chris Sutton, Director of Lathams, said, "Accoya® wood fits perfectly into our product range. Joinery products are a significant part of our business and in Accoya® we now have a wood that answers the key demands of today's customers. It is a high performance product that requires less frequent maintenance because it is extremely stable. Made from certified woods, it can be safely recycled and it is as durable as the best tropical hardwoods but produced from modified, sustainable, fast growing species. In short, Accoya® is a very high quality, long lasting product that is suitable for a wide range of external applications."

Justin Peckham of Titan Wood added, "We are delighted to have signed this agreement. Lathams is a highly professional company, well placed to supply the growing demand for Accoya® wood on a national level, whether for windows, doors, decking, cladding or other applications. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship."

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Notes to Editors:

Lathams Ltd (<http://www.lathams.co.uk>) is the trading subsidiary of **James Latham plc**. With 11 trading offices operating from 10 sites located in Dudley, Fareham, Gateshead, Hemel Hempstead, Ossett, Purfleet, Scotland, Thurrock, Wigston & Yate, Lathams offers a wide range of products for collection or delivery to customers.

Accsys Technologies PLC (www.accsysplc.com) is an environmental science and technology company whose primary focus is on the production of Accoya® wood and technology licensing via its 100% owned subsidiary, Titan Wood Limited (www.titanwood.com), which has manufacturing operations in Arnhem, the Netherlands, a European office in London and an Americas office in Dallas, Texas. Accsys' operations comprise three principal business units: (i) the Accoya® wood production facility located in Arnhem, The Netherlands; (ii) technology development, focused on a programme of continuous improvements to the process engineering and operating protocols for the acetylation of wood which are currently under development and the development of technology for the acetylation of wood fibre; and (iii) the licensing of technology for the production of Accoya® wood and Tricoya™ wood elements across the globe.

Accoya® Wood (www.accoya.info) is produced by using a patented, non-toxic 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. Unlike most woods, its colour does not degrade when exposed to sunlight. Moreover, the Accoya® wood production process does not compromise the wood's strength or machinability. The combination of UV resistance, dimensional stability, increased coatings

life, durability and retained strength means that Accoya® wood offers a wealth of new opportunities to architects, designers and specifiers. Leading applications include external doors and windows, shutters/shading, siding and cladding, decking, outdoor furniture/equipment and glulam beams for structural use.

Wood Acetylation is a process, which increases the amount of 'acetyl' molecules in wood, thereby changing its physical properties. The environmentally responsible 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. Acetylated wood's increased durability offers major carbon sequestration advantages, compared to other woods and man-made building materials such as steel, vinyl, and plastic.

Wood Composites include a range of derivative wood products which are manufactured by binding together the strands, particles, fibres, or veneers of wood together with adhesives to form composite materials. These products are engineered to precise design specifications which are tested to meet national or international standards