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## **Accsys Technologies PLC Joins Timber Decking & Cladding Association**

Accsys Technologies PLC ("Accsys"), the world's leading high technology wood company and manufacturer of Accoya® wood, is pleased to announce its membership of the Timber Decking & Cladding Association (TDCA).

The TDCA is the UK's independent technical and advisory organisation that provides guidance on the materials and practices required to create high quality deck structures and external timber cladding.

Paul Clegg, CEO of Accsys, says: "Accsys values cooperative partnerships with industry bodies like the TDCA. Accoya® wood's dimensional stability and durability make it a perfect material for decking and cladding and we see ourselves playing an important role in the future development of these applications. The work we are undertaking with Coillte Panel Products on Medite Tricoya® MDF for external use is also, we believe, likely to have an impact on the cladding market. Our membership of TDCA demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards of practice and our contribution to the timber industry through the sharing of our experience and knowledge about the latest innovations in wood technology."

Steve Young, Executive Director of the TDCA adds: "The UK's timber industry is fast growing. We warmly welcome Accsys as a new member of the team at this exciting time and believes Accsys's wealth of experience and technical knowledge will help us develop the potential of wood as the most natural and sustainable construction material."

As part of the agreement, Accsys will also become a member the Wood Protection Association (WPA) which is currently working in collaboration with the TDCA on a generic technical manual for designers seeking to specify modified wood. The WPA has invited Accsys to join the Modified Wood Manual technical committee. This would be particularly appropriate given Accsys's recent development of Medite Tricoya® - an important milestone in the technological advancement of



wood composites which marks a major breakthrough for the industry.

Justin Peckham, Business Development Manager at Accsys, further explains: "Accsys is the only company in the world to produce acetylated wood on a commercial scale. Our latest addition is the Medite Tricoya® MDF panel which we are jointly developing with Coillte Panel Products. This first trial panel marks one of the few true innovations in the wood composites industry in over 30 years and, potentially, the beginning of the next generation of wood based panel products suitable for outdoor use. We look forward to sharing our experience with the TDCA to help them highlight the wide range of applications for wood."

The TDCA will shortly launch a new website and knowledge centre for designers seeking up to the minute information on subjects such as how to learn about, specify and source quality materials for decking and cladding installations. Accoya® wood will be featured on this site to make it easy for specifiers to access specific technical information.

As a member of the TDCA, Accsys will practise the TDCA Members' Charter, including:

- Provide a well-made product, fit for purpose, in accordance with the DeckMark quality assurance scheme which is subject to independent audit
- Respond to all enquiries with courtesy, efficiency and promptness
- Provide clear, accurate information about the product/service offered and prices, the suitability of products, safety and advice about aftercare and maintenance
- Ensure staff or subcontractors are adequately trained to undertake their duties

The principle activity of Accsys's business is the creation of advanced and sustainable technologies to commercialise the company's acetylation process for solid wood and wood elements. More information can be found at: [www.accoya.com](http://www.accoya.com), [www.tricoya.com](http://www.tricoya.com) and [www.accsysplc.com](http://www.accsysplc.com).

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

**The Timber Decking & Cladding Association** ([www.tda.org.uk](http://www.tda.org.uk)): TDCA is an independent technical and advisory organisation that sets the standard for materials and installation practices for decks and outdoor wood applications in the UK. The Association operates the DeckMark™ quality assurance scheme for decking material manufacturers and contractors and keeps a register of businesses that it has assessed. The TDCA produces a range of publications aimed at both the professional designer and DIY enthusiast.

**Accsys Technologies PLC** ([www.accsysplc.com](http://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](http://www.titanwood.com)), which has manufacturing operations in Arnhem, the Netherlands, a European office in London and an Americas office in Dallas, Texas. Accsys Technologies PLC is listed on the London Stock Exchange AIM market, and on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext, under the symbols 'AXS'. 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](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 "high technology wood". 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 tropical and European hardwoods, its colour does not degrade when exposed to ultraviolet light. 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. For marine uses where weight is also important, Accoya® wood for the first time provides boat builders with a wood that is strong, lightweight, durable and which retains its natural beauty for far longer.

**Medite Tricoya®** Combining technologies from both partners who signed the JDA in London June 2009

**Tricoya® Wood Elements** ([www.tricoya.com](http://www.tricoya.com)) is Titan Wood's proprietary technology for the acetylation of wood fibres, chips, and particles for use in the fabrication of wood based composites, including panel products. These composites demonstrate enhanced durability and dimensional stability which allow them to be used in a variety of applications which were once limited to solid wood or man-made products. Tricoya® Wood Elements is lauded as the first major innovation in the wood composites industry in more than 30 years.

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