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## Scientific Certification Systems Issues FSC Certificates in all 50 U.S. States



*North Dakota's PrimeWood, Inc. Earns Chain of Custody Certificate*

**August 31, 2009 - Emeryville, CA** – Scientific Certification Systems, a leading environmental certification company, today announced that with the certification of PrimeWood Inc., a manufacturer of wood product components in North Dakota, it has now certified companies in every state in the Union to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody standard. PrimeWood earned FSC certificate number SCS-COC-002630.

"SCS has certified more than 30 million acres of natural forests and plantations and maintains more than 2,600 FSC chain of custody certificates in the wood and paper product sectors in 34 countries," notes SCS Senior Vice President Robert Hrubes, "and SCS is the only FSC certification body with a presence in every U.S. state."

PrimeWood, Inc., of Wahpeton, ND, manufactures both laminated and profile-wrapped components for a wide variety of applications including kitchen and bath cabinetry, store fixtures, office furniture, windows, and millwork. "PrimeWood customers can be sure that products sold with the FSC label are made from wood sourced from responsibly-managed, FSC-certified forests", says Joe Beyer, PrimeWood, Inc. General Manager. "FSC certification is our latest step to provide options for our environmentally responsible customers."

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**Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)** has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years. In addition to certification for the Forest Stewardship Council's Forest Management and Chain of Custody programs, SCS programs recognize accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business products, and corporate social responsibility. [www.SCScertified.com/forestry](http://www.SCScertified.com/forestry)

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**PrimeWood**, a division of Woodcraft Industries, was founded in 1985 in Wahpeton, North Dakota. PrimeWood manufactures both laminated and profile wrapped components for a wide variety of applications including kitchen and bath cabinetry, store fixtures, office furniture, windows, and millwork. The plant is 220,000 square feet and employs 260 production associates. [www.woodcraftind.com](http://www.woodcraftind.com)

**Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** is a nonprofit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. Independent certification organizations are accredited by FSC to carry out assessments of forest management to determine if these standards have been met. There are currently over 254 million acres of certified forestland globally. In addition, over 15,000 Chain of Custody certificates form a verified supply chain of certified products, guaranteeing the FSC claim to the final consumer. [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)