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Dear Columbia Forest Products Customer:

Many of you are requesting written documentation about Columbia Forest Products' CARB regulation readiness. We'd like to share the following:

- After reviewing nearly 500 test results, CARB has granted us the first domestic exemption from routine emissions testing for our PureBond veneer core hardwood plywood in the NAF resin category. This signifies that CARB has validated our soy-based PureBond technology, which we've used to press over 35 million panels, and its ability to satisfy the challenging Phase 2 emission limits of .05 ppm.
- Hardwood plywood composite core panels (HWPW-CC) produced across our entire network of North American mills can now be certified as CARB Phase 1 Compliant according to our third party certifier, the Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association (CARB TPC-8). These panels will meet formaldehyde emission limits of .08 ppm or less.

We are also certified to produce Phase 2 Compliant HWPW-CC, which we will do on a special order basis.

- Earlier last year, our domestically-assembled veneer core (HWPW-VC) panels made with soy-based formaldehyde-free PureBond® technology were certified as CARB Phase 2 Compliant (meeting formaldehyde emission limits of .05 ppm or less).

This is important for two reasons – not only does this make Columbia's PureBond Veneer Core Hardwood Plywood, manufactured at our seven North American mills, the industry's first CARB Certified hardwood plywood; but it has been certified at the more demanding Phase 2 limits – well over a year ahead of the deadline.

This certification underscores what we've been saying for some time now. For Columbia Forest Products, this is not a special order or part-time effort. Formaldehyde-free PureBond is our standard lamination technology, assuring you of proven performance, timely availability and consistent pricing.

This certification information now appears on our paperwork and packaging as evidence our customers can rely on to demonstrate their use of CARB-compliant materials.

We will update this information on our website with further developments. Please contact your Columbia Forest Products representative with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Vogelsinger".

Todd Vogelsinger
Director of Marketing