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FINAL HARRY POTTER BOOK ON FSC PAPER *HISTORIC FSC PAPER PURCHASE*

The seventh and final book in the Harry Potter series will be printed on FSC paper. With a total of 22 million pounds, this is the largest purchase of FSC-certified paper in a single book printing to date. The FSC accredited Certification Body Rainforest Alliance/ SmartWood Program worked with the publisher, Scholastic Inc., to develop its plan to buy FSC-certified paper.

For the initial printing of 12 million copies of 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' in the United States, Scholastic committed to ensuring that 65% of the 16,700 tons of paper used is FSC-certified. This means that this paper will come from forests that are managed in a socially and environmentally responsible way. Moreover, all the paper used in the printing will contain at least 30% post-consumer waste fiber, with much of that verified by FSC standards as well.

Scholastic is the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books and Rainforest Alliance will continue to help the company refine its responsible paper procurement policies.

"We applaud Scholastic's progressive and bold commitment to support responsible forestry practices by buying FSC-certified and recycled papers," said Liza Murphy, senior marketing manager in the Rainforest Alliance's sustainable forestry program. "We hope that other businesses follow this lead by making commitments to using wood products that come from forests that are managed to be productive, protect soils and waterways, and benefit local communities."

The area of FSC-certified forestlands has skyrocketed in recent years. More than 215 million acres (87 million hectares) globally are FSC-certified to date, up from more than 118 million acres (48 million hectares) in 2004. This increase has propelled rapid growth in the global supply of FSC-certified wood products including paper. Several hundred pulp providers, mills, merchants and printers globally have obtained FSC certification, which allows for increasing availability of certified products to consumers.

Based on Rainforest Alliance Press Release, 20/03/07



NEW FSC MEMBERS

Total FSC Members as of February 23rd: 673

Economic- North	160	Economic- South	124
Environmental - North	120	Environmental - South	147
Social - North	59	Social - South	63

Name/Company/Org.	Representative	Country	Chamber	Subchamber
Mr. Kevin O' Grady		Australia	Economic	North
Mr. Frank Strie		Australia	Social	North
Mr. Tim Anderson		Australia	Social	North
BirdLife Austria - Austrian Ornithological Society		Austria	Environmental	North
Sra. Viviana Molina Cabrera		Bolivia	Social	South
Sr. Carlos Ruiz Garvia		Bolivia	Environmental	South
Sr. Bonifacio Mostacedo		Bolivia	Environmental	South
Sr. Damian Rumiz		Bolivia	Environmental	South
Ms. Marie Flavie Ze Ondo		Cameroon	Social	South
Mr. Dieudonné Njib Ntep		Cameroon	Environmental	South
Mr. Dieudonné Edjoa Minkulu		Cameroon	Social	South
Ms. Han Zheng		China, People's Rep Of	Environmental	South
Mr. Shengfu Wu		China, People's Rep Of	Economic	South
Ms. Xiaping Lin		China, People's Rep Of	Economic	South
Prof. Yanru Zeng		China, People's Rep Of	Social	South
Dalhoff Larsen & Horneman A/S	Mr. Jørgen Møller-Rasmussen	Denmark	Economic	North
Ms. Edwige Eyang Effa		Gabon	Environmental	South
Ms. Carole V. Onouviet		Gabon	Economic	South
Ms. Diane Marie Celestine Mban		Gabon	Environmental	South
Ms. Clarisse Nzengui Moukambi		Gabon	Economic	South
Mr. Wallace Kwame Koomson		Ghana	Social	South
Sr. Sergio Herrera		Honduras	Social	South
Sr. Luis Alonso Trochez		Honduras	Economic	South
Dr. Toru Inada		Japan	Environmental	North
Pasaules Dabas Fonds		Latvia	Environmental	South
Stora Enso Mezs SIA	Mr. Maris Zudrags	Latvia	Economic	South
SABIMA - Samarbeidsradet for biologisk magfold	Mr. Rune Aandera	Norway	Environmental	North
ENBSEK - East New Britain Sosel Ekson Komiti	Mr. David Samson	Papua New Guinea	Social	South
Ms. Vera Figueiredo Santos		Portugal	Environmental	North
Mr. Francisco Kimasa Shejamabu		Tanzania	Economic	South
Ms. Mireille Eloise Gouthon		Togo	Economic	South
Mr. Kossivi Ayikoe		Togo	Economic	South
Mr. Ben Vickers		United Kingdom	Social	North
Mr. Nicholas Barnicoat		United Kingdom	Economic	North
WildLaw	Ms. Alyx Perry	United States	Environmental	North
Dovetail Partners, Inc	Dr. Jeff Howe	United States	Environmental	North
Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests	Mr. William H Dunlap	United States	Environmental	North



FSC IN FIGURES

Information as of March 30th 2007

Total certified area: 88 million 431,626 hectares

Total Forest Management Certificates: 892

Total Chain of Custody Certificates: 5,473

CURRENT FSC PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

FSC-STD-40-003 FSC Standard for Multi-site Certification of Chain of Custody Operations:

The standard presents the requirements to be implemented by multi-site organizations who wish to apply to an FSC-accredited Certification Body for multi-site Chain of Custody certification on behalf of their sites.

The requirements are intended to replace the certification requirements of the former FSC Policy document FSC-POL-40-003 FSC Guidelines for Sampling of Multi-site Organizations for Chain of Custody Certification.

Multi-site certification allows Certification Bodies to evaluate those companies based on samples in

recognition of existing common, centrally administered and monitored control and reporting systems.

In addition to this standard, Certification Bodies must ensure that all participants or 'sites' of a multi-site organization comply with the relevant Chain of Custody certification requirements.

FSC welcomes comments and suggestions by any interested parties.

Please send your comments to Stefan Salvador at s.salvador@fsc.org between April 16th and May 16th, 2007.

ASI SURVEILLANCE AUDITS

For up-to-date information on ASI surveillance audits and public summaries visit the new ASI Website at www.accreditation-services.com/InformationCenter.htm.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED THROUGH MULTI-SITE PILOT

The first two FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) certificates resulting from a pilot test of the new draft Multi-site Chain of Custody certification standard have been issued. Certified companies Danzer Group and SAPPi Fine Paper Europe can now market their products with the FSC trademark consistently throughout their operations on an international scale.

FSC Multi-site CoC certification has been developed to facilitate certification for larger companies that have a number of production facilities, warehouses or sales agencies, at which fundamentally the same functions, methods or procedures are carried out.

Large international companies are now getting involved.

The family-run 'Danzer AG' is the world's biggest manufacturer of hardwood veneer made of American, European and African wood species. Also involved in sawn timber production and trade round timber, Danzer Group operates worldwide and has six veneer plants, five sawmills and 31 sales offices in 15 countries in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Asia.

Sappi Fine Paper Europe S.A.' is the leading producer of coated woodfree paper in Europe. At present Sappi holds 7 production sites in Europe in 5 countries.

Through the pilot testing of the Multi-site Chain of Custody certification standard, FSC gained a greater understanding of the practical impacts of the draft standard, particularly for internationally operating sales networks.

Public consultations and experiences reported by the involved FSC-accredited certification bodies between September and October 2006, have resulted in improvements in the draft.

A final draft will now be prepared for submission to the FSC Board of Directors in June 2007 and will be posted for public information from mid-April onwards. FSC welcomes comments and suggestions by any interested parties. For further information see above.

TECHNICAL PHASE OF THE FSC PLANTATIONS REVIEW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

FSC RECRUITING TECHNICAL EXPERTS

The technical phase of the Plantations Review is about to begin. The FSC Board of Directors approved the final recommendations from the Policy Working Group for the technical phase at their 44th meeting held in mid-March at the FSC International Centre. FSC is now looking for interested individuals to actively participate in this final technical phase by volunteering as a Technical Expert.

The Board of Directors approved the recommendations which highlight the need for further clarification and guidance on FSC requirements regarding: stakeholder consultation; social issues; chemical use; ecosystem integrity; and conversion of natural forests to plantations. They also highlight the need for an overall review of the FSC system in order to reduce unnecessary complexities, increase revenue, strengthen the role and support for National Initiatives, ensure high quality and transparent certification assessments and auditing of Certification Bodies, and to develop a clear strategy and vision for FSC.

The technical phase of the Plantations Review will require 16 Technical Experts who will be working on specific issues in smaller groups. The teams will further develop

these recommendations into final technical solutions. Outcomes of the technical phase will include revised requirements and practical handbooks, models, best practice guidelines, and online tools and resources.

To guarantee practical solutions to the issues and concerns identified in the Policy Review, technical experts should have in-depth knowledge and experience at different scales of forest and plantation management in the North and South. Experience in one or more of the following areas is necessary: community and indigenous peoples rights; forest workers issues; corporate-community relations; integrated pest management; ecosystem conservation; and conversion of natural ecosystems to plantation.

For further information or to apply to be in a team of Technical Experts, please contact Sarah McKay at plantations@fsc.org.

If you wish to find out more about the Plantations Review, or to read the full report by the Policy Working Group, visit www.fsc.org/plantations.

3RD MEETING OF THE 'COC REVIEW' TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

The 'Chain of Custody Review' Technical Working Group confirmed the basic concepts of the new version of the FSC-STD-40-004 FSC Chain of Custody standard. This includes the alignment of the credit and threshold system and their consistent applicability to any mixtures of materials which are eligible for use in FSC products.

Members of the Technical Working Group identified the need to simplify the standard in order to make it fully comprehensible, particularly for smaller operations. It should provide a straightforward application in less complex Chain of Custody situations. Simplification of the standard includes re-structuring according to typical user scenarios, the use of less technical language and terminology, and limitations of additionally provided non-normative information within the standard.

The group also agreed to revise the definitions of co-products and pre-consumer reclaimed material in such a way

that only material originating from secondary manufacturing onwards ("post-mill" waste) can be considered to be pre-consumer reclaimed.

Over the coming weeks a number of sub-groups will continue to work on specific issues and assist in the preparation of the next draft that shall be circulated for public consultation in early May.

The Working Group met at Château-Thierry, France from the 27th to the 28th of February 2007 to review comments on and discuss the further development of the second version draft.

For further information about the development of this standard, please contact Stefan Salvador, Chain of Custody Program Manager, at: s.salvador@fsc.org.

SEARCHING FOR FSC PAPER MADE EASIER

The search for FSC pulp, printing paper or packaging in Europe has just been made easier thanks to the launch of an online information centre by FSC Germany. This user-friendly database allows businesses and consumers to get an overview on paper qualities and geographical distributions of FSC-certified companies.

More than 400 FSC certified companies are currently listed. This database provides information on FSC-certified producers, distributors and service providers, ranging from pulp producers, paper manufacturers and wholesalers to printers and publishers. Additionally, you can also search for paper brands or specific paper products. Visit www.fsc-paper.org.

FSC ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER MEETING: DISCUSSING FSC OPENLY

Thirty-five representatives from FSC Environmental Chamber met for one and a half days in mid-March at the FSC International Center in Bonn, Germany. The meeting created a forum in which concerns were openly aired and debated frankly and possible solutions discussed. This strengthened and revitalized the working relationship between FSC and environmental groups.

The talks followed on from a letter sent to FSC late last year. The correspondence suggested several improvements to FSC to better cope with its growth and ensure credibility and integrity of its systems. More than 75 environmental groups and individuals had signed the letter.

Discussions and presentations provided an opportunity to better understand recent changes in FSC that aim to improve on-the-ground performance, as well as the scope and opportunities of the FSC system, but also its limitations. The meeting also marks the beginning of the coming together of the FSC environmental chamber to prepare their input into the upcoming FSC General Assembly in 2008.

"The open dialogue of the meeting was FSC at its best - being able to openly debate what is going well and what is not going so well. This meeting was important. It became very clear that we need to meet like this more

often, and reach out to the other chambers who share many of the same concerns," comments Grant Rosoman, Environmental North FSC Board Representative. "We are looking forward to the continued improvement in FSC's performance".

The meeting was organized by the FSC Environmental Chamber representatives of the FSC Board of Directors, Grant Rosoman, Eric Palola and Cristian Vallejos, as well as Margareta Renstroem from WWF and the FSC International Center. Roberto Waack and Chris van der Goot of the FSC Board of Directors attended the meeting as observers.

Following the meeting, 12 representatives of environmental organizations met with around 30 representatives of FSC accredited Certification Bodies on the afternoon of March 13th. Concerns around individual certificates were not discussed at the meeting. Instead, the meeting was an exchange of views intended to open the dialogue on key challenges facing the FSC system.

The meeting was kindly supported by the FSC Global Fund, FSC International Center, Greenpeace, WWF and Tetra Pak.

FULL HOUSE FOR FSC AUSTRALIA LAUNCH

A near capacity audience of almost 300 people packed one of Melbourne's most high profile venues, Zinc, in early-March for the launch of Australia's FSC National Initiative. Amongst the many who attended the event, FSC International's Chair, Grant Rosoman, announced the official accreditation of the National Initiative.

FSC Australia has joined more than 39 other National Initiatives distributed around the globe with a common goal of engaging stakeholders and co-ordinating an FSC presence in each respective country.

The Australian Conservation Foundation, Timber Communities Australia, the Institute of Foresters and the Wilderness Society are among the 50 corporate, environmental and social members involved in the National Initiative. Michael Spencer, FSC Australia's CEO explains "This diversity of membership is what gives the organization its strength". He stated: "FSC is the only inclusive 'stakeholder owned' standard for responsible forest management".

Less than a year after efforts to develop the National Initiative began, FSC Australia now boasts almost 40 Australian companies who are participating in the global system for certification of wood and wood products from responsibly managed forests.



Michael Spencer at the FSC Australia launch, Melbourne, FSC Australia

With the launch of this National Initiative, Australian customers can expect to see the FSC logo appearing on a much larger range of products.

Based on FSC Australia Press Release, 09/03/07

NEWS FROM THE FSC INTERNATIONAL 'BROKER PROJECT'

FSC National Initiatives in Europe are working together to facilitate the flow of certified products from Central and Eastern Europe to Western European markets. The FSC International Broker Project, also known as 'More FSC products on the European Market', is successfully engaging major European companies.

Services offered through the broker project include: support in using FSC as a marketing tool; clarification and application of Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood standards; support in the development of new FSC product lines at retail level; and helping supply and demand of FSC products meet.

The services offered through this project are stimulating the interest of FSC certified companies in collaborating with the FSC Network. As a result, a number of important European companies are getting involved, either on the supply or demand side. These include Kingfisher Sourcing Eastern Europe (Poland), Klana (a Croatian chair producer) Kronospan Slovakia, Marks & Spencer and Starbucks. These are some of the initial results from the pilot project, and this is just the beginning. The project also offers services to smaller and medium-sized companies, such as Eco Fashion, an FSC-certified Italian jewel producer.

"Through the Broker Project, the FSC Network and the business sector are learning a lot about each other. We aim to follow up on their needs and expectations of the business sector, raise awareness of the FSC brand and communicate the FSC message loud and clear. We now have some key players onboard and this is just the beginning", says Liviu Amariei, Broker Project coordinator.



Wim Shraverus, Advisor for International Business at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, at the Utrecht Construction Trade Fair, Netherlands, Liviu Amariei

In February 2007, FSC Broker Project partners met at the Utrecht building and construction trade fair to assess the progress of the project.

The FSC Broker Project includes FSC accredited National Initiatives in Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and the UK.

More information about the FSC Broker Project is available at www.fscbroker.com.

FSC COMPANIES HONORED AT ENVIRONMENTAL PRINTING AWARDS

For the second year in a row FSC-certified printers and products reigned at the Environmental Printing Awards in Toronto on February 22, 2007. 13 of the 29 awards were presented to FSC-certified printers and paper manufacturers, including all three of the Most Environmentally Progressive Printer in Canada (100+ employees) awards.

Several awards were also presented to FSC supporters; the Environmental Innovator (Gold) Award was presented to Nicole Rycroft of Markets Initiative, an environmental non-profit organization that works with the print and publishing industry to increase the use of FSC-certified papers with high post-consumer content; and the Most Environmentally Progressive Print Consumer in Canada (Gold) Award was presented to Mountain Equipment Co-op, whose 2007 product catalogues and other promotional materials are printed on FSC-certified paper.

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, recently named the 'Greenest Prime Minister' by Corporate Knights

Magazine, was the keynote speaker at the Awards ceremony and discussed Canada's environmental role within a global context, the nature of local and international trade and the nature of leadership and innovation.

Edward Burtynsky, recognized around the world for his photographic approach to environmental globalization issues, also gave an environmental-themed multimedia photo presentation at the awards and spoke at length of the importance of printers becoming FSC-certified and using their influence with clients to promote the adoption of more environmentally and socially friendly sheets.

For more information on the Environmental Print Awards visit www.printaction.com/epa/

Source: FSC Canada



HOW TO BETTER ENGAGE FSC IN THE AMAZON? STAKEHOLDER MEETING IN ECUADOR

Representatives from South American FSC National Initiatives and forest owners gathered in Quito, Ecuador, for a strategic regional communications meeting and training on FSC and forest certification in the Amazon. The official title is 'Dialogue, Interchange of Experiences and Training on Forest Management and Forest Certification in Amazonian River Basin Countries'.

Forest owners and FSC representatives gathered in a number of conferences, workshops and working groups to strengthen the exchange of information and experiences on responsible forest management. Participants proposed communication strategies and actions to effectively communicate the importance of forest certification and

FSC policies in responsible forest management. Market access opportunities were explored through the provision of effective supplier-customer information dissemination and strategic alliances with companies. To effectively engage small forest owners in FSC certification, participants proposed strategies to increase awareness and develop appropriate standards.

Representatives of FSC accredited National Initiatives from Ecuador (CEFOVE), Peru, Colombia, Brazil and Bolivia attended the event held between November 27th and December 2nd, 2006. The initiative was organized by FSC Ecuador and funded by InWent, GTZ, and CEFOVE.

WARNER MUSIC GROUP ANNOUNCES INDUSTRY'S LEADING EFFORTS ON FSC-CERTIFIED PACKAGING

As part of its ongoing environmental initiative with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), WEA Corp., the U.S. sales and distribution company of Warner Music Group Corp., has announced that all of its standard CD and DVD products in the U.S. will use an FSC-certified 30 percent post-consumer packaging paper by the end of March 2007. With this, along with changes inside the company's offices that reduce paper use and promote recycling, the company successfully attains a goal towards which it has been steadily building.

"Environmentally responsible behavior is good for corporate America: it's smart ecology and smart economics," said John Esposito, President and CEO of WEA.

For the full Warner Brothers Music Group press release visit www.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_b1?release_id=213790

Source: FSC US

ESTONIAN STATE FORESTS RE-CERTIFIED

Successful re-certification of the Estonian state forests means that all 1,082,600 ha managed by the Estonian State Forest Management Centre will continue to be in line with FSC Principles and Criteria. The governments of all three Baltic countries, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, committed to FSC certification.

State managed forests in the country are producing around 2.2 million cubic meters of roundwood annually and is the main supplier of certified products for Estonian primary processors and roundwood traders. More than 30 processing companies in Estonia are now FSC Chain of Custody certified and are taking advantage of the large volume of FSC certified wood that is becoming available on the Estonian market. These are mostly processed into DIY and garden products and lumber exported largely to UK. Most of the roundwood is exported to the Scandinavian markets where they are used by pulp and paper manufacturers.

The land area managed by Estonian State Forest Management Centre includes the majority of Estonia's strictly protected forest areas such as national parks, nature reserves and other protected sites. Additionally,

Estonian wildlife is among the richest in Europe, and several species, which are extinct in most other European countries, still have viable populations in Estonia. These include the bear, wolf, lynx, wild boar and elk.

Back in 1998, unsustainable pressures on Estonia's forests led the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests to label them as threatened by industrial processes and political instability. With a large growth in the timber industry, particularly between 1996 and 2001, the decision to certify Estonia's state forests demonstrates their commitment to addressing the social and environmental needs of the country, as well as the economic.

Estonian's state forests were first certified in 2002. Valid for 5 years, the re-certification was awarded by the Rainforest Alliance's SmartWood Program and its certification partner Nature, Ecology and People Consult (NEPCon).

Based on NEPCon Press Release, March 7, 2007 and Rainforest Alliance Press Release, February 5, 2002