

A New Door Opened For “Green” Building in Indiana

A Ft. Wayne company becomes the first in Northern Indiana to achieve certification for distribution of FSC Certified wood doors.

Ft. Wayne, Indiana June 5, 2009 --“Going Green’ seems like the slogan of our nation in recent times” says Andy Simerman of Vice President of Moss Building Products. “Cars, manufacturing, even cell phone suppliers; everyone is jumping on the “Green” train. The construction industry is no different”. As the construction industry continues to evolve into a “Green” industry, the suppliers and manufacturers of building products have adapted their companies to meet the guidelines set forth by the United States Green Building Council for “Green” construction. Moss Building Products, a Ft. Wayne based distributor of commercial building products, achieved the certification (#SCS-COC-002398) to become the first company in Northern Indiana with the ability to supply wood doors that will meet these requirements.

For each project that sets out to meet a USGBC LEED certification a set of requirements, or benchmarks, is set. The requirements include site sustainability, cleanliness of air, and wood products supplied from a well managed forest. The Forest Stewardship Council, established in 1993 in response to global deforestation, has set the standards by which the wood product industry has abided. From the forest the tree is taken, to the mill by which it is processed, to the distributor that provides the product to the public, a chain of custody is put in place to ensure responsible forestry and use of wood.

In an effort to increase the use of well managed forestry, Moss Building Products applied for and achieved, the FSC Chain-of-Custody. “We found this to be an opportunity to provide our clientele with the products they desired for ‘Green’ Building, while doing our part to increase the knowledge of the public and the construction industry, in the advantages of using FSC material” stated Simerman. “This movement in construction is really starting to roll, and we are pleased to be in the first in our industry within this region to achieve certification.”

Others in the construction industry have also seen the importance this move brings to the state. “By achieving FSC certification, Moss Building Products demonstrates their support of the green building movement and their commitment to providing products that are environmentally sustainable” says Laura Martin, Project Estimator for Hagerman Construction Corp. of Ft. Wayne. “This is very beneficial to the contractors and architects in the area, it is now a place of reference and provider of products involved in LEED building” stated Terry Thornsby, principle of Viridian Architectural Design and Chair of the USGBC Northeast Indiana chapter.

A division of Moss Engineering Corp., Moss Building Products has been Northeastern Indiana’s largest supplier of commercial building products since 1922. Moss Building Products was certified for FSC Chain of Custody in May of 2009 through Scientific Certification Systems. For any inquiries regarding FSC material call Moss Building Products at 260-432-0526 or email moss@moss-engineering.com.

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