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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **TimberGrass LLC Changes Name to Teragren LLC to Address Brand Extensions and Corporate Growth**

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.** (September 15, 2003) – TimberGrass LLC, the nation's leading manufacturer of TimberGrass® bamboo hardwood flooring and panels, changed its name this week to Teragren LLC, a move that addresses the company's plans to expand its product offerings over the next several years, while maintaining the TimberGrass brand.

Bainbridge Island, Wash.-based Teragren™ brought quality and consistency standards to the fledgling bamboo flooring market when it introduced its first TimberGrass-brand flooring in 1994. Today the company is the recognized leader in the thriving bamboo building products market and its product line has expanded to include prefinished and site-finished floors, wide plank floating floors, stair parts, panels, veneer, and flooring accessories. Company executives plan to offer a wider range of price points and new products made out of bamboo and other sustainably harvested hardwoods. TimberGrass will continue to be marketed as Teragren's flagship flooring brand, targeting the architectural and design communities, custom builders, and mid- to upper-income homeowners through well-established floor covering distributors.

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"Bamboo flooring, as well as our panels and veneer, has become very popular with leading architects and designers who like the material for its distinctive look, durability and renewable properties," said David Knight, Teragren's president. "We built this market and we continue to lead it with innovative products. No matter what we offer, all Teragren products will fall within the parameters of our mission: 'Building a company that is environmentally, socially, and economically responsible.'"

Teragren's environmental practices set a standard for the flooring industry. Bamboo in itself is a rapidly renewable resource. Unlike hardwood trees requiring 40 or more years to mature, bamboo is a grass that grows to maturity in less than six years and is renewably harvested over and over from the same plant. The company's flooring is manufactured with a high-grade bamboo specie called Moso to ensure quality and maintain a consistent look.

Teragren's modern manufacturing processes are fully westernized and quality control is second to none. The factory in China's Zhejiang Province is ISO 9001 certified for its management practices. Teragren has virtually eliminated formaldehyde from its manufacturing process to further reduce its environmental impact. The products contribute to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification as "Rapidly Renewable Materials" and "Low-Emitting Materials."

In a related corporate announcement, Teragren has extended its agreement with Port Orchard, Wash.-based Hayter Communications, Inc., to manage the company's public relations program. All Teragren media inquiries may be directed to Ryan Hayter, (360) 874-2170, or sent via e-mail to haytercom@charter.net. In addition, Teragren recently converted its web address from timbergrass.com to teragren.com, and updated the site with an extensive portfolio of residential and commercial project images. Teragren presently services customers through established floor covering distributors and dealers nationwide. Visit [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com) or call 800.929.6333 for more information.

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*Note: an ftp site with an extensive portfolio of high-resolution images is available to the media for download via a password*

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