

## **Teragren *SYNERGY* Strand - Next Generation Bamboo Flooring**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. (August 15, 2005) – Teragren, the nation's leading manufacturer of environmentally-conscious bamboo flooring, panels and veneer since 1994, announces ***SYNERGY*** strand- the next generation in renewable bamboo flooring that is 18% harder than Santos Mahogany and 43% harder than Teragren's standard bamboo flooring.

Teragren is proud to announce a recently finalized agreement to create a joint venture with the factory that owns the patent for a compressed strand bamboo flooring product in China. This product is being marketed under Teragren's new commercial division as "***SYNERGY***" and will be distributed by Teragren's vast network of nationwide floor covering distributors beginning in the third quarter of 2005.

There are similar strand flooring products currently being imported under various trade names. This product is similar but different from Teragren's manufacturing process. This patented process applies a proprietary treatment to bamboo strands that have been shredded from the stalks, causing the fibers to fuse together with an adhesive under extremely high pressure. This process forms a highly durable flooring plank appropriate for both residential and commercial installations. To this we add stringent environmental and quality control specifications during the manufacturing process.

"Our company has over ten years experience in manufacturing and marketing sustainable building products, particularly in the traditional bamboo flooring and panel/veneer markets," said David Knight, President/CEO of Teragren.

"*SYNERGY* will be our hallmark flooring product meeting the aesthetic and durability needs of both the residential and commercial markets," said Mike Conneen, Vice President, Sales/Flooring Division.

Packaged in nested cartons of 3-3/4" x 36"/72" x 1/2" or 5-5/8" wide plank dimensions, *SYNERGY* is available in Wheat or Chestnut colors. Supplemental inventory will be readily available at Teragren's distribution centers in Seattle and Indianapolis late in the third quarter of 2005. The finish will feature a 6-coat Klumpp Coatings aluminum oxide/polyurethane finish system. The coating materials are water-based, solvent-free and non-off-gassing, meeting the company's environmental mission to build a company that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible®. Visit [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com) or contact Ann Knight for more information.

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