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## TERAGREN RECEIVES SCS *INDOOR ADVANTAGE™* GOLD CERTIFICATION FOR BAMBOO PANELS & VENEER

*Teragren Products Manufactured with Special NAF Adhesive Meet Tough Indoor Air Emission Limits; Contribute to Healthier Indoor Air Environments*

*Teragren is World's First Manufacturer to Offer IAG-Certified Bamboo Products*

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.** – April 7, 2009 – Teragren ([www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com)), the nation's leading manufacturer of fine bamboo flooring, panels and veneer, today announced that select bamboo panels and veneer now qualify for *SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold* certification from Scientific Certification Systems ([www.scscertified.com](http://www.scscertified.com)), the global leader in independent certification of environmental and sustainability claims.

*SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold* certification sets the toughest limits in North America for indoor air emissions, guaranteeing that certified products contribute to a healthy and safe indoor environment.

“As part of our commitment to manufacturing innovative and sustainable bamboo products, we felt SCS IAG certification was extremely important,” said Teragren President and CEO, David Knight. “We’re thrilled to be setting the industry standard as the first and only manufacturer offering IAG-certified bamboo panels and veneer.”

Teragren's new *SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold* certification applies to all unfinished Traditional Bamboo Panels and unfinished 1/8" Traditional Bamboo Veneer (Vertical and Flat Grains) manufactured using Teragren's proprietary No Added Formaldehyde (NAF) adhesive.

Select IAG-certified NAF products are currently available in stateside inventory for immediate shipment. Those not in stock are available by special order with an 8-12 week lead-time.

“Indoor air quality is extremely important because most people spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors, either at home, work or school,” said Stowe Hartridge-Beam, indoor air quality program manager at SCS. “We’re pleased to see Teragren’s commitment to healthier indoor environments.”

SCS offers several indoor air quality certification programs as part of its ongoing efforts to encourage improved environmental performance of consumer products. The *Indoor Advantage™* program applies to any product generally used within a school or office indoor environment.

“Poor air quality can be caused by a number of factors, including inadequate ventilation, poor cleaning and excessive emissions of volatile organic compounds,” continued Hartridge-Beam. “Products labeled as *SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold* can be used with confidence to help improve overall indoor air quality.”

Because of the new *SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold* certification, Teragren’s select Traditional Bamboo Panels and Veneer also meet several new environmental standards, including:

- *Collaborative for High Performance Schools*, a national movement to make schools better places to learn through facilitating the design, construction and operation of high performance schools; and
- *California’s 01350 Special Environmental Requirements*, designed in part to ensure good indoor air quality to protect human health.

### *Environmentally Friendly Company & Products...*

Teragren’s traditional and strand bamboo panels and veneer are growing in popularity as they reduce dependence upon dwindling timber resources. Teragren’s *Optimum 5.5®* Moso bamboo is harvested sustainably between 5.5 to 6 years, leaving behind a thriving plant and new shoots, unlike hardwood trees which take more than 60 years to mature.

Teragren bamboo products also relieve pressure on degraded forests: bamboo releases 35 percent more oxygen than a comparable cluster of trees. Those benefits extend to commercial and residential settings, where Teragren’s bamboo products can last for many generations and “lock up” carbon over the life of the products.

As a manufacturer, Teragren can guarantee the quality of its products, unlike those coming from alternate sources such as discounters, importers or trading houses in China. The

company also uses materials that meet stringent Japanese, European and U.S. environmental standards. Its bamboo production is controlled from harvest to final product.

A core component of Teragren's mission is to measure, mitigate and ultimately become carbon negative. Currently, Teragren's Washington State headquarters is carbon neutral, and carbon measurement is also underway at the company's factories in China and throughout their product transportation system.

In addition to manufacturing many styles of furniture-grade bamboo Panels and Veneer for the furniture and cabinet industries, Teragren also manufactures complete lines of traditional and strand bamboo flooring, including: *Synergy™* Strand Bamboo Floating Floor and *Synergy™* Strand Bamboo Solid-Strip Flooring (Chestnut, Wheat, Java and Brindle colors), *Signature Naturals* (Vertical and Flat Grains, Natural and Caramelized) and *Signature Colors* (Espresso, Walnut, Cherry and Charcoal) Solid Strip Bamboo Flooring; Studio Bamboo Floating Floor featuring the Välinge-patented, self-locking system; *Craftsman II* Bamboo Long Plank Flooring, and matching bamboo Stair Components and Flooring Accessories.

The company is currently pursuing SCS-certification for its entire product line, including its prefinished bamboo flooring products.

### **About Teragren**

In 1994, Teragren ([www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com)) pioneered the bamboo flooring, panel and veneer industry in the United States. The company is recognized as a category leader by the architectural and design communities as well as major floor covering distributors and retailers, and panel and veneer distributors. Teragren is also considered a leader within the broader sustainable business movement—it was named by *Inc. Magazine* as one of “The Green 50” companies that are setting the standard for environmentally friendly business, and one of the “Top Ten Greentpreneurs” by *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*. All Teragren bamboo products contribute to certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) rating system in one or more categories. The company owns exclusive rights to four strand bamboo patents: U.S. (*Patent # 5,543,197*), U.K. (*Patent # EP 0 907 503 B1*), Mexico (*Patent # 204281*) and Brazil (*Patent # PI 9612688-4 A*). Teragren's cross-ply 100 percent bamboo core substrate has U.S. and International patents-pending.

### **About Scientific Certification Systems**

SCS ([www.scs-certified.com](http://www.scs-certified.com)) is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. Its programs span a wide cross section of the economy, recognizing accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing, and corporate social responsibility.