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## TERAGREN FINE BAMBOO FLOORING, PANELS & VENEER RECEIVES SCS *FLOOR SCORE*® CERTIFICATION FOR BAMBOO FLOORING PRODUCTS

*Teragren Meets Tough Indoor Air Quality Standards as Company  
Offers World's First FloorScore®-Certified Bamboo Flooring*

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.** – July 21, 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 flooring lines now qualify for *FloorScore*® certification through Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) ([www.scscertified.com](http://www.scscertified.com)), the global leader in independent certification of environmental and sustainability claims.

*FloorScore*® sets the toughest limits in North America for safe indoor air emissions, guaranteeing that certified products contribute to a healthier and safer indoor environment. Teragren is the world's first and only company to offer *FloorScore*®-certified bamboo flooring. The company's manufacturing facility in China also received *FloorScore*®-certification.

"Teragren is committed to pioneering environmental standards within the bamboo industry—including preventing indoor air toxins," said Teragren President and CEO, David Knight. "Our customers can breathe easier knowing that Teragren's *FloorScore*®-certified bamboo flooring contributes to healthier home, work and school environments."

Teragren's new *FloorScore*® certification applies to products featured within the company's most popular lines of beautiful, durable and renewable bamboo flooring, including:

- Teragren's *Synergy*™ Strand Solid-Strip & *Synergy*™ Wide-plank Bamboo Floating Floor, both made with Xcora™ technology
- Teragren's Traditional Bamboo Flooring (*Signature Naturals, Craftsman II & Studio*)
- Teragren's Unfinished Bamboo Flooring manufactured using Teragren's proprietary No Added Formaldehyde (NAF) adhesive; and
- Teragren's matching Bamboo Stair Components and Bamboo Flooring Accessories.

The new *FloorScore*® certification also applies to Teragren's manufacturing facilities located in the Zhejiang Province of China. Teragren is unique in that as a manufacturer, not simply an importer, the company can ensure its products are harvested and manufactured according to stringent environmentally-conscious specifications.

"Our certification systems encourage the highest levels of environmental improvement, social accountability and product performance," said Stowe Hartridge-Beam, indoor air quality program manager at SCS. "Teragren is setting the standard for healthier indoor air environments in the bamboo industry—and we're pleased to give them our *FloorScore*® seal of approval."

Indoor air quality is an important issue because most people spend as much as 90 percent of their time at home, work or school. *FloorScore*® measures more than 78 volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted from building materials. Because of the new *FloorScore*® certification, Teragren's select Bamboo Flooring meets several new environmental standards, including:

- *Green Guide for Health Care*, a best practices guide for healthy and sustainable building design, construction and operations for the healthcare industry
- *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.

Teragren's *FloorScore*® certified flooring is also eligible for two credits through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, including LEED IEQ Credit 4.3 for Low-Emitting Flooring Systems and MR Credit 6 for Rapidly Renewable Materials. The credits apply within LEED's v3 guidelines, launched in April 2009.

Additionally, select Teragren Bamboo Panels and Veneer recently qualified for *SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold*, designed to assure consumers that the products they purchase meet tough indoor air quality standards.

The certification applies to all unfinished Teragren Traditional Bamboo Panels and unfinished 1/8" Traditional Bamboo Veneer (Vertical and Flat Grains) manufactured using Teragren's NAF adhesive. The company's select Traditional Bamboo Panels and Veneer also meet the *Collaborative for High Performance Schools* and *California's 01350 Special Environmental Requirements*.

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

Teragren's traditional and strand bamboo flooring, 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.

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.

Teragren manufactures complete lines of traditional and strand bamboo flooring, including: *Synergy™* Strand Bamboo Wide-plank 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 also manufactures many styles of Bamboo Countertops and furniture-grade Bamboo Panels and Veneer for the furniture and cabinet industries.

### **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 Greentrepreneurs” 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. Teragren’s cross-ply 100 percent bamboo core substrate has U.S. and International patents-pending.

### **About Scientific Certification Systems**

SCS ([www.scscertified.com/iaq](http://www.scscertified.com/iaq)) is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. For more than twenty years, 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.