



FINE BAMBOO FLOORING, PANELS & VENEER

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TERAGREN FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SMITH & FONG FOR STRAND BAMBOO PATENT INFRINGEMENT

SEATTLE, Wash. – November 5, 2007 – Teragren (www.teragren.com), the nation's leading manufacturer of environmentally-friendly bamboo flooring, panels and veneer, today announced that it has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Smith & Fong Company, dba Plyboo, of South San Francisco, California.

Teragren is seeking a permanent injunction and unspecified monetary damages from Smith & Fong in the suit filed on Monday, Nov. 5th in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

"After nearly a year of negotiations, we sincerely hoped to come to an amicable resolution on this matter," said Teragren CEO David Knight. "However, when discussions with Smith & Fong recently came to a halt, we had no other option but to file suit."

"Teragren is committed to protecting our intellectual property rights, which represent a significant investment by our company," continued Knight. "We expect that infringing companies, including Smith & Fong, will realize they can no longer ignore our legal rights."

Teragren owns exclusive rights to popular strand bamboo product patents in both the U.S. (*Patent # 5,543,197*) and Mexico (*Patent # 204281*). The product is manufactured through a process that fuses together bamboo strands with environmentally safe adhesives to create strand bamboo flooring, panels and flooring accessories.

About Teragren

In 1994, Teragren (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. The company owns exclusive rights to two strand bamboo patents in the U.S. (*Patent # 5,543,197*) and Mexico (*Patent # 204281*).

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