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## Teragren Offers First FloorScore-Certified Bamboo

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Bainbridge, WA, July 21, 2009—Bamboo producer Teragren today announced that select bamboo flooring lines now qualify for FloorScore® certification through Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) 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.

"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.

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 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 the 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.