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TimberGrass® Steps up Bamboo Product Offerings with Matching Stair Parts in Standard and Custom Sizes

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. (May 8, 2003) – Architects who appreciate the look, durability and environmental benefits of bamboo floors today have the option to take it upstairs. Bainbridge Island, Wash.-based TimberGrass, the nation's leading manufacturer of fine bamboo floors, now offers stair parts and accessories, including treads, risers, nosings, and accompanying clamshells, t-molds, base shoe and floor vents that precisely match the look and quality of the brand's natural color and caramelized floors.

Stair treads are offered in site-finished or prefinished 11-1/2"W x48"L x1-1/16"H dimensions, and stair risers are available site-finished or prefinished in 7-1/2"W x48"L x 5/8"H dimensions. Both treads and risers may be custom ordered by special order. All TimberGrass products come with a 25-year residential or five-year commercial wear-through finish warranty; 25-year structural.

"Bamboo is a beautiful and environmentally sustainable alternative to hardwoods," said Ann Knight, TimberGrass vice president of marketing. "We frequently get calls from architects searching for ways to carry the look of bamboo throughout their designs. TimberGrass stair treads and risers add a new dimension to the flourishing bamboo design trend."

TimberGrass is manufactured with a high-grade bamboo specie called Moso to ensure quality and maintain a consistent look throughout the company's product line, including site-finished and prefinished strip flooring, prefinished wide plank floating floors, panels and veneers, in addition to stair parts. The material is harder than oak and is 2.5 times more dimensionally stable than maple making it ideal for any climate. Unlike hardwood trees requiring 40 to 60 years to grow, bamboo is a grass that grows to maturity in less than six years and is renewably harvested over and over from the same plants.

All TimberGrass fine bamboo products are environmentally friendly and enjoy a prominent position in commercial and residential markets. TimberGrass presently services customers through established floor covering distributors and dealers nationwide. Visit www.timbergrass.com or call 800.929.6333 for more information.

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