



## **Holzindustrie Schweighofer: FSC certificate temporarily suspended**

***Company takes criticism seriously and invites stakeholder groups to conduct a joint audit***

Vienna – 22.06.2016 Holzindustrie Schweighofer's FSC multi-site certificate has been temporarily suspended by the certification body Quality Austria. Currently a fresh on-site inspection is being prepared in co-operation with FSC and Quality Austria, so that, after a successful audit, the FSC certificate can again be used in full. Holzindustrie Schweighofer invites NGOs, FSC and its accreditation body ASI, as well as other stakeholder groups to co-operate in this audit, in order to develop and implement a transparent, sustainable solution, including suggestions for improvement.

“It goes without saying that we will keep complying with all international sustainability standards while the FSC certificate is in abeyance”, Georg Erlacher of Holzindustrie Schweighofer says. Holzindustrie Schweighofer is committed to sustainable timber utilisation and open to constructive criticism, and practicable suggestions for improvement.

“We wish to uncover, in co-operation with all stakeholder groups, potential risks with regard to the lawful sourcing of timber, and to close potential loopholes. We hope for strong interest and constructive proposals from all parties, in order to work out a satisfactory solution quickly and efficiently”, Erlacher says.

### **About the Schweighofer Group**

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional Austrian family company with over 400 years of experience in wood processing. Today the group employs a staff of 3,500 and is primarily active in the timber industry but also in cellulose production, forest management, bioenergy extraction and real estate.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer put its first sawmill in Romania into operation in 2003, and the company now operates three sawmills, one core board plant and one glulam timber plant in this country. Schweighofer has now also become a leader in the European wood-processing industry. Since October 2015, the Group has also owned a sawmill in Kodersdorf (Germany). Viscose cellulose is produced at Schweighofer Fiber in Hallein (Austria). Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to roughly 70 countries around the world.

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