



Update: FSC on process flaws at Quality Austria and on Holzindustrie Schweighofer

FSC declares auditing process at certification body Quality Austria to be insufficient

Vienna, Austria – 24 June 2016: Holzindustrie Schweighofer's FSC Multi Site certificate has been temporarily suspended by the certification body Quality Austria. The reasons for this move were not known so far. Now FSC informed in a [press release](#) that procedural defects at Quality Austria led to this decision. As a result Quality Austria temporarily suspended Holzindustrie Schweighofer's FSC certificate.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer strives to intensify co-operation with NGOs, certification bodies and stakeholders in order to jointly refine and implement the systems to control lawful timber sourcing, and to communicate transparently. Holzindustrie Schweighofer will work together with FSC and Quality Austria on a solution and the repeal of the suspension.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer remains committed to sustainable timber utilisation and open to constructive criticism, and practicable suggestions for improvement from all stakeholders.

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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