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Holzindustrie Schweighofer fights illegal logging with a sound action plan for sustainable timber industry

Holzindustrie Schweighofer does everything within its means to fight illegal logging in Romania although the company does not harvest trees itself - it buys the timber from suppliers who act under the Romanian Law.

In the light of the latest retailer announcement concerning environmental sustainability, Holzindustrie Schweighofer reiterates its own dedication towards sustainable and transparent sourcing.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer presented and is implementing an action plan to secure a sustainable timber industry in Romania. Sustainable and transparent sourcing is one of Holzindustrie Schweighofer's key principles. Fighting unlawful logging in Romania and the clear commitment to a constructive dialogue with relevant non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders will therefore remain to be Holzindustrie Schweighofer's primary focus. Transparent communications and an overall enhanced control system are key elements for the improved company policy to ensure a more sustainable and comprehensible supply chain.

„The measures we are implementing are more intense than required by the law. For example, we innovate in the GPS-tracking field, currently implementing in Romania TimFlow, a system that surpasses all legal requirements by far. This is one of our ways to fight illegal logging,“ stated Dan Bănac, Holzindustrie Schweighofer Romania general manager.

The company has agreed with FSC® to discuss a Road map for re association.

Background information

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional Austrian family company with over 400 years of experience in wood processing. Today, the Group is primarily active in the wood processing industry but also in dissolving pulp production, forest management, bioenergy production and real estate. The industry division of the Schweighofer Group operates three sawmills and two wooden panel productions in Romania, one saw mill in Germany and a dissolving pulp production in Austria. It takes a leading role in the European timber – processing industry, currently employing around 3,700 employees. Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to over 70 countries worldwide.

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