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## **THE LAMINEX GROUP IS AWARDED FSC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION**

The Laminex Group, in a major step, has become the first supplier of timber veneer panels in Australia to receive Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. Continually striving to improve and expand their range of environmentally preferable products and respond to growing market demand, The Laminex Group is proud of this further development.

FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) is a highly-credible third party endorsement that verifies the path taken by raw materials, processed materials and products, all the way from the forest to the consumer, including all successive stages of processing, transformation, manufacturing and distribution.

The achievement of FSC certified veneered panels, has enabled The Laminex Group to secure the significant **Multiplex Melbourne Convention Centre** project. This project is registered for a 6-star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

Simeon Lloyd from Multiplex said, 'of all the suppliers we engaged; The Laminex Group were the only ones able to develop and deliver an FSC certified Timber Veneer panel, to meet our specifications'.

The Laminex Group is committed to sourcing wood fibre from sustainably managed forests. Nick Capobianco, National Products Marketing Manager for The Laminex Group says, "The vast majority of fibre for our products comes from forests that are part of the international framework of certification schemes. This includes FSC, Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC) amongst others".

The Laminex Group is at the forefront of design and innovation, and is committed to pursuing high standards of environmental performance. "This latest development ensures our customers now have additional products that will contribute to achieving Sustainable Timber credits within the Green Star rating tool of the Green Building Council of Australia", added Nick.

The range of Laminex FSC™ Timber Veneer products will be available later in 2007.

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## **Editors Notes**

1. The Laminex Group, FSC Chain of Custody Registration Number SCS-COC-001000.
2. The Greenfirst Initiative is The Laminex Group's response to the growing awareness of the impact that building materials have on the environment. All Greenfirst products can contribute directly to Green Star Credits.
3. For more information visit [www.thelaminexgroup.com.au](http://www.thelaminexgroup.com.au) or call 132 136.