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SCS Reports Robust Growth in FSC Chain-of-Custody Certification

Denver, CO – November 13, 2006 – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), a pioneer and recognized leader in the field of performance-based environmental certification, has experienced unprecedented growth this year in its Forest Conservation Program. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-accredited Chain-of-Custody certification in particular has demonstrated continued strong growth.

Thus far in 2006, SCS has issued 128 new FSC Chain-of-Custody certificates to manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers throughout the forest products supply chain. These clients trade in a wide range of forest products — such as lumber, millworks, fixtures, doors, window frames, stairs, decking, wood flooring, particleboard, chipboard, and plywood, and paper products.

Dr. Robert J. Hrubes, SCS senior vice president and a founding member of the FSC, announced, “The market demand for FSC certification services continues to increase, particularly for the paper and building products industries. This signals to forest managers that responsible forest management can be good for business. These developments go hand in hand with the increase in value that companies and individual consumers alike attribute to environmental stewardship and responsible purchasing.”

SCS established its Forest Conservation Program in 1991, in order to provide third-party certification services for forest managers and the forest products industry, and was an early supporter of the FSC system. The program has demonstrated consistent growth and now has chain-of-custody certification clients in 31 countries, including Brazil, Germany, Sweden, Australia, China, Canada, and the U.S. These clients include numerous green industry leaders such as Collins Pine, EcoTimber, and Wood Flooring International. According to Lewis Buchner, CEO of EcoTimber, “Scientific Certification Systems provides tremendous value to our company through their professionalism, knowledge of the FSC standards, and ability to work with us and our partner companies as we expand our FSC product offerings.”

“Our experience as a pioneer in the field has given us a deep understanding of how to help businesses navigate their way through the sometimes challenging process involved in meeting FSC standards,” stated Aaron Maizlish, SCS director of Chain-of-Custody certification services and also one of the founding members of the FSC. “Furthermore, our thorough and professional approach to auditing services gives us a competitive advantage and explains much of our growth.”

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Overall, more than 5,000 companies worldwide are certified for FSC Chain-of-Custody, including some 600 in the United States. The multi-stakeholder FSC program harnesses the power of the marketplace by providing a mechanism to source wood products from responsibly managed forests. Participating companies find this market-based approach to be a cost-effective and practical way to strengthen their environmental and social performance.

About Scientific Certification Systems (GreenBuild 2006 Booth #1610)

SCS is an independent certifier of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. Its programs span a wide cross-section of the economy, recognizing accomplishments in the fields of agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing, and retail. SCS was the first company to offer manufacturers a program for verifying the accuracy of environmental claims on products. Certification programs for building products include Recycled Content, Biodegradability, Indoor Advantage™, Indoor Advantage™ Gold, Environmentally Preferable Product, and SCS Sustainable Choice™. For more information about SCS, visit www.scscertified.com or call 510-452-8000.