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**Scientific Certification Systems Names Aaron Maizlish to
Direct Chain-of-Custody Certification Services**

Co-founder of EcoTimber International joins SCS team

Emeryville, CA -- April 25, 2006 -- Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) announces the hiring of Aaron Maizlish to direct Chain-of-Custody Certification Services. He is responsible for the overall strategic direction, operation and growth of worldwide chain-of-custody certifications in both the Forestry and Marine Fisheries programs.

"We're thrilled to have Mr. Maizlish on the SCS team," said Dr. Robert Hrubes, SCS senior vice-president. "He has been a long-time advocate of well-managed forests and a strategist on promoting sustainable products. We're very lucky to have him leading our chain-of-custody certification programs."

Mr. Maizlish has fifteen years experience in the promotion of sustainable wood products. Before joining SCS, Mr. Maizlish consulted with environmental businesses on product development and business strategy.

In 1992, Mr. Maizlish founded EcoTimber International, Inc. the first commercial lumber distributor in the U.S. to promote wood products coming from well-managed sources. Mr. Maizlish pioneered trade in Forest Stewardship Council certified exotic hardwoods, domestic lumber, hardwood flooring and dimension lumber. As president and CEO, he oversaw the growth of EcoTimber into a \$4 million operation, before selling it in 2001.

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Prior to founding EcoTimber, Mr. Maizlish was general manager of Map Link, Inc. in Santa Barbara, CA, the leading distributor of maps in the United States. He authored The World Map Directory, a reference catalog of 30,000 maps in print.

Mr. Maizlish holds a B.A. in Geography and Development Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council, and served on the Board of Directors of the FSC-U.S. from 1998 to 2001.

About Scientific Certification Systems

SCS is an independent certifier of environmental, 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 and quality 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. As an accredited certification body of the FSC, SCS has certified over 23 million acres of natural forests and plantations, and over 500 chain-of-custody operations. As an accredited certification body of the Marine Stewardship Council, SCS has certified 2 million metric tons of fish. For more information about SCS, visit www.scs-certified.com or call 510-452-8000.

About FSC

FSC is a nonprofit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way. Landowners and companies that sell timber or forest products seek certification as a way to verify to consumers that they have practiced forestry consistent with FSC standards. Independent certification organizations are accredited by FSC to carry out assessments of forest management to determine if standards have been met. There are currently 60-million acres of FSC-certified forestland in North America and 190-million acres globally. For more information, please visit www.fscus.org.



About MSC

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an independent non-profit organization set up to promote solutions to the problem of over fishing. It has developed the only independent and international fishery certification program and eco-label in the world. A full list of certified species and where to buy MSC-labeled seafood is available at www.msc.org.

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