



2200 Powell Street, Suite 725 , Emeryville, CA 94608 | 510.452.8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Rebecca Graham
510.452.8020 | rgraham@scscertified.com

Scientific Certification Systems Passes Milestone in Chain of Custody Certification

February 10, 2010 - Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) recently issued its 3000th Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certificate.

This milestone demonstrates that FSC certification is becoming more widely adopted and that SCS continues to be the top certifier in the US. SCS is proud to support businesses working to improve their environmental bottom line. One of the original certification bodies accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council, SCS has certified more than 30 million acres of natural forests and plantations and more than 3,000 wood and paper products companies to the FSC standards since 1996.

FSC Chain of Custody Certification requires annual audits on each member of the wood supply chain, from the forest to the shelf, including paper companies and printers. FSC requires that certificate holders be audited to determine that they have access to FSC-certified source material. Companies must also have tracking systems in place to ensure that certified products are accounted for through their inventory and production systems.

This quality assurance means that consumers who seek out the FSC label can trust that their purchases directly support responsible forest management. In addition to conserving forest land, using FSC-certified wood enables builders to earn LEED Materials & Resources (MR) Credit 7 for their projects.

#

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, stewardship, food quality, food safety and food purity claims. For more than 25 years, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs in pursuit of the highest level of environmental performance and social accountability. SCS certifications recognize accomplishments in greenhouse gas inventories and offsets, agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, product manufacturing and corporate social responsibility. <http://www.SCScertified.com/forestry>