

## **VICAIMA TIMBER POLICY 2010**

Vicaima will give priority to the use of FSC<sup>®</sup> certified timber or FSC<sup>®</sup> controlled wood and, therefore, we commit to:

Have total transparency of all our forest sources: a list of the forests where Vicaima sources tropical timber will be regularly updated and available on request.

Exclude all potentially illegal or controversial sources like:

- Timber harvested in areas where civil or traditional rights are violated;
- Timber harvested in High Conservation Value Forests;
- Timber genetically modified trees;
- Timber that is illegally harvested;
- Timber that is coming from a forest conversion operation (land clearing).

From January 2009 for all tropical hardwoods we will give priority to FSC<sup>®</sup> certified timber when it is available in the desired species. If FSC<sup>®</sup> certified timber is not available for the desired species we will select timber with a verified origin (FSC<sup>®</sup> controlled wood, OLB, TLTV, Smartwood VLO ...) or coming from forests that are progressing towards FSC<sup>®</sup> certification with support from the Tropical Forest Trust (TFT), or resultant from the Vicaima controlled wood program verification.

We will continue to proactively invest in the forests we are sourcing our timber from to help them achieve FSC<sup>®</sup> certification.

To receive guidance and support in implementing our policy we will continue to be members of the Tropical Forest Trust (TFT). We commit to reporting annually our progress towards our goals and will review our timber policy annually.

Notes: Vicaima will use the FSC<sup>®</sup> norm STD-40-005 (V2-1) Standard for Company Evaluation of FSC<sup>®</sup> controlled wood ([www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org))