

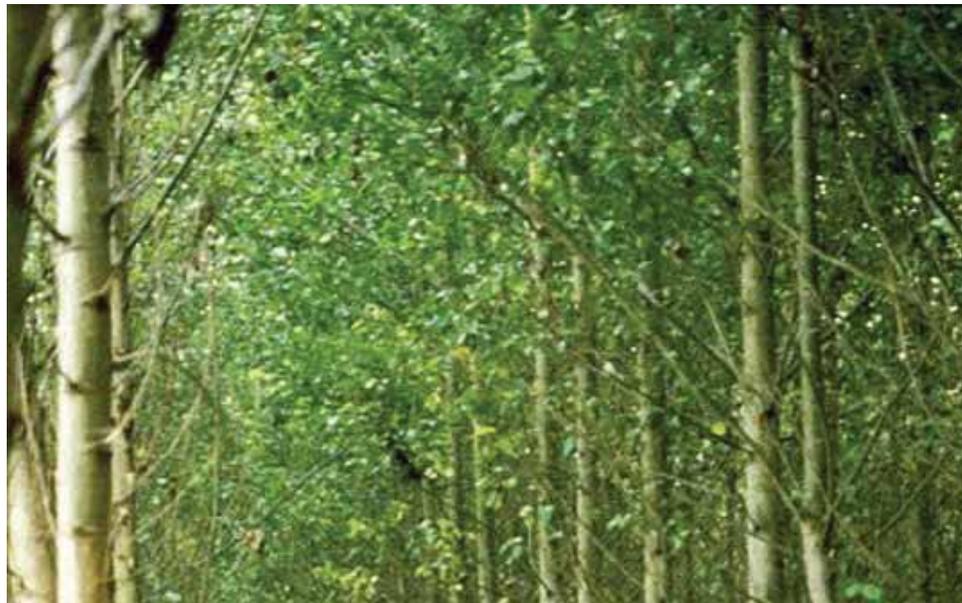
## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In addition to its unparalleled beauty, wood is the optimum material from an environmental perspective. Life-cycle analysis and carbon storage studies confirm the advantages of using wood as opposed to other building materials.

States' raw materials are legally and responsibly harvested from established commercial suppliers. In the West, fir represents our primary volume,

while it is poplar in the East. Hardwood face veneers are primarily North American, but also include fancy woods and exotics from all over the world.

All States' facilities are certified by both of the principal third party certifiers operating in the US, the Forest Stewardship Council, FSC and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, SFI. Additionally, we are equipped to exceed all current emission protocols.



States is committed to using environmentally sound processes and materials.



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Ingenuity. It's in everything we do.

# Environmental Stewardship



*The growth of environmental building standards has created a confusing array of specifications. We are your resource to understand and meet those specifications, whether they come from KCMA, LEED, CARB, NAHB or any of the many other standard setting organizations.*

*Most building standards relate to hardwood plywood in similar ways; the source of the raw materials, the type of adhesives used and the chemistry of the finishes applied. States addresses these issues in the following ways:*



## Raw Material Sources

Forest Stewardship Council, FSC versions of States' panel products are available on request. FSC recognizes panels whose wood contents are at least 70% from FSC certified forests with the balance qualified as Controlled Wood. We are able to meet this criteria in all substrates and domestic face veneers. Some imported face veneers are also available in certified or controlled formats as well. Certification is documented on individual invoices with Chain of Custody numbers.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative, SFI also certifies both forestry and finished goods that are exclusively domestic in origin. In order to qualify, 67% of a panels volume must come from SFI certified forests, and include no imported materials.



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## Non-Urea Formaldehyde Adhesives

States' Elemental brand indicates a panel construction that is laminated with non-formaldehyde resins, or that contains composite cores manufactured without urea-formaldehyde in the binding agent. Our primary non-formaldehyde adhesive is a proprietary soy based material.



## Finish Chemistry

States' NOVA ultraviolet cured finishes not only set the standard in the industry for beauty and durability, they also contribute to the environmental profile of our panels by containing no formaldehyde or other hazardous air pollutants, and by emitting no volatile organic compounds in manufacture or in use.

