

FSC certification for six Brome-Missisquoi businesses

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Brome-Missisquoi, June 9, 2010 – Within the framework of the “Certification à la chaîne de traçabilité pour l’industrie du bois de Brome-Missisquoi” (traceability chain certification for the Brome-Missisquoi wood industry), six regional businesses obtained their FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certification. This makes it possible to distinguish them from traditional wood products because these manufacturers respected procedures that guarantee sustainable forest management.

Considered as one of the main forest certification standards, both for ecologists and the forest industry, FSC certification guarantees that the products bearing its logo come from forest management practices that are socially, ecologically and economically responsible.

Within the framework of the Plan de diversification économique de Brome-Missisquoi (Brome-Missisquoi’s economic diversification plan), and with the aim of supporting the efforts of forest sector businesses to preserve their market share, the Brome-Missisquoi CLD, in cooperation with Emploi-Québec, the ministère du Développement Économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation (MDEIE) and the Commission régionale sur les ressources naturelles et le territoire de Montérégie Est (CRRNT), offered, last spring, its technical support to wood processing businesses wishing to obtain this certification.

The six businesses that joined the certification program introduced by the Brome-Missisquoi CLD now offer products meeting FSC standards.

The following business are now FSC certified: **Ébénisterie Public Workshop in Cowansville, La Règle de Bedford, Produits Forestiers St-Armand, Scierie Armand et fils of Saint-Ignace-de-Stanbridge, Sciage Nadeau Inc. of Abercorn and Scierie West-Brome.**

Distributors and retailers are invited to contact these businesses for their supply of FSC certified wood products.

For information on FSC certification, visit www.fscCanada.org.

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