

PEFC Continues Expansion In The Tropics



Geneva, Switzerland: Indonesia has become the latest Asian country to join PEFC after China and Malaysia. The Indonesian Forestry Certification Cooperation (IFCC) decision to join the forest certification system was founded in the certification body's bottom-up approach, which respects the uniqueness of sovereignty, ecosystem diversity, and the culture of every country.

Indonesia's forest land comprises 60 percent of the country's

land area, which makes it the third largest area of tropical rainforest in the world. Its forest is therefore important not only for the national economy and local livelihoods, but also for the global environment as a whole.

The economy in Indonesia is largely dependent on natural resources, with the forest sector employing around four percent of the total working population and contributing more than nine percent of its national non-mineral export revenue.

The Forest Peoples Programme estimates that up to 95 million people in Indonesia depend on forest resources for subsistence and trade, emphasizing the need for a balanced, responsible approach to forest management.

By becoming a member, IFCC has fulfilled a critical prerequisite for applying for PEFC endorsement. IFCC is currently facilitating a multi-stakeholder process at national level to develop an Indonesian forest management standard, and the organisation is committed to seek international recognition for its forthcoming national standard.

Wintersteiger Hosted Thin-Cutting Days



Ried, Austria: Wintersteiger opened its headquarters for international visitors from November 5-9, 2012, for the 4th Thin-Cutting Days. Visitors from China, Japan, Russia, the USA and all of Europe headed to Ried for the event to learn about technical innovations and to witness live demonstration.

For the first time, the event took place concurrently at two locations, Ried and at a saw production plant in Arnstadt, Germany. Visitors were able to get acquainted with the company's full range of machine and tool expertise.

The audience was diverse, with representatives from many industries such as manufacturers of boards, furniture, parquet, doors, pencils, even musical instruments.

Appointments

Acimall To Appoint New Deputy Director



Dario Corbetta has been appointed as deputy director of Acimall. The new assignment is an acknowledgment to his skills and longstanding experience over the years. He joined the Confindustria-member association of Italian woodworking technology manufacturers in 1991.

In his career at the association, he has always been responsible for the promotion of made-in-Italy technology around the world, as well as for the direction of the association's Studies Office. Since 2010, he has been the marketing manager of Xylexpo, a biennial international exhibition organized by the association.

He took a university degree in mechanical engineering and then a master in business administration at the Politecnico in Milan.

"It's an assignment in the name of continuity," he commented after his appointment. "A responsibility I have accepted with great determination, but also a spur to even stronger commitment to support our industry in a very critical period."