

STATEMENT No: SGS-GEN/COC – 030002

## Generic Chain-of-Custody Verification

Further to the SGS Report dated 26 September 2013 and based on the assessment performed by SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA on 28 June 2013 at the site(s) mentioned below, the company:

# HARDHOUTHANDEL HOTIM B.V.

Wit Hollandweg 3  
5091 TB Middelbeers  
Netherlands

has been verified against **SGS' Generic Chain-of-Custody** criteria for the following processes and products:

**Inkoop, opslag, uitbestede productie en verkoop van (gevingerlast) hardhout afkomstig uit bossen geverifieerd onder het VLO/VLC-programma van SmartWood, het OLB-programma van Bureau Veritas of het TLTV-programma van SGS.**

**Purchase, storage, outsourced production and sales of (finger-jointed) hardwood originating from forests verified under the VLO/VLC-program of SmartWood, the OLB-program of Bureau Veritas or the TLTV-program of SGS.**

at:

**Middelbeers, Netherlands**

demonstrating that the producing/trading company's internal management system correctly ensures the integrity of the Chain-of-Custody of OLB, LHV, VLC and VLO products through the company's operations.

**Company under Generic CoC with SGS since: September 2013**

This statement covers the Chain-of-Custody only, and is only valid for the above mentioned system and processes. It does not apply to the products themselves nor does it imply any endorsement by SGS of any particular timber source verification programme *per se*. SGS does not verify and will not accept any responsibility for the legal origin of the products or compliance of the Company with any relevant laws and regulations. The Company shall abstain from using this Statement or any part thereof in a way that suggests otherwise. The relevant Generic Chain-of-Custody Verification criteria may be consulted at the Company's premises or inquired from [forestry@sgs.co.za](mailto:forestry@sgs.co.za). For more information visit [www.sgs.com/forestry-monitoring](http://www.sgs.com/forestry-monitoring).

This Statement is valid:  
from **23 July 2014** until **22 July 2019**

  
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