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Saving the Rain Forests One Tree at a Time

Every two seconds, a section of the rain forest the size of a football field is destroyed. Much of this destruction is being fueled by the worldwide demand for hardwood, which has resulted in an epidemic in illegal harvesting. In an effort to minimize the high demand for these precious woods and to offer consumers a viable alternative, revolutionary technology now offers a new hardwood – providing an all natural, sustainable solution to the rain forest crisis.

Alowood is an all-natural enhanced wood that doubles the strength, hardness, and durability of softwoods. In addition, all of the wood is plantation-grown softwood, which has a faster growth rate than that of hardwoods.

“Alowood is completely earth-friendly,” said John Gibb, President of Chemco. “Alowood was created with this in mind. We wanted to give consumers the option of selecting a wood product with the durability and hardness components of a hardwood, while using a more sustainable wood and an enhancement that is completely natural.”

The wood modification technology uses a patented combination vacuum and pressure injection process that replaces air and moisture in the wood with Everdex, an all-natural additive made from corn and soy proteins. The wood is then thermally cured in an oven, permanently locking in those proteins. The result is Alowood, capable of surpassing other medium to high-density hardwoods for durability and strength, while maintaining the warmth and character that’s synonymous with hardwood.

This technology requires very little energy consumption, and Alowood products are completely eligible for certification of sustainability such as the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and ISO (International Standards Organization).

Alowood – Everdex Enhanced is a division of and patented by Chemco. Based in Ferndale, Wash., Chemco provides wood modification technology services to the worldwide market leaders in the wood products industry. For more information on any Chemco product, visit the Chemco website at www.chemco.us or contact Customer Service at 360.366.3500. For more information on Alowood, visit www.alowood.com.

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