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CANPLY ANNOUNCES NEW ORGANIZATION

North Vancouver, B.C. – The Canadian Plywood Association (CANPLY) today announced the formation of a new organization to service Canada's engineered wood products sector. The new group will be known as **CertiWood Technical Centre (CertiWood)**. CertiWood will be based at CANPLY's Technical Centre in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

CANPLY, and its predecessor organizations have provided certification, testing and quality auditing services exclusively to Canadian plywood and veneer manufacturers for over fifty years. CertiWood will continue to provide these services and CANPLY member companies will become founding members of the new organization. CertiWood will also be able to offer these services to manufacturers of oriented strand board (OSB), glue-laminated lumber (Glulam), laminated veneer lumber (LVL), I joists (I-Joists) and other engineered wood products. By providing services to a larger sector of the engineered wood products industry, access to CANPLY's renowned reputation for quality and reliability can be cost effectively delivered to all engineered wood products manufacturers.

In making the announcement on behalf of the Board of Directors, CANPLY President Jim Shaw stated, "We are confident CertiWood will enjoy even greater success than CANPLY because it can serve a larger cross-section of the wood products industry. Our staff is highly educated, trained and dedicated to providing our members with service and support that in turn, provides an "edge" to those companies in the marketplace. Customers of plywood, veneer, OSB, Glulam, LVL, I-Joists and other engineered wood products want assurance that these products are the best quality and come from sustainably managed forests. CertiWood can offer that assurance and will build its reputation with satisfied members and their valued customers."

CertiWood will launch a new web site next month detailing the full range of services and support available to members. The site will also include a visual tour of CANPLY's Technical Centre in North Vancouver. Members will be encouraged to invite their customers to tour the facility and see first-hand what makes CertiWood the first choice in certification, testing and quality auditing services to the structural panels and engineered wood products sector.

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