

## **Nijpels Meubelen: Furniture from sustainably managed forests**

**Bergen op Zoom – 12 January 2011** From today, Nijpels Meubelen B.V., the largest producer of ready-to-assemble furniture in The Netherlands, will be using the PEFC label on its products. On 12 January it was issued with a PEFC chain of custody certificate, enabling Nijpels Meubelen to demonstrate that their products have been manufactured using timber that has originated from sustainably managed forests as approved by the PEFC scheme.

Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainable forest management are an international concern for the Dutch company. “We supply to a number of large customers in The Netherlands, particularly DIY and Home Furnishing stores, but the greatest demand for certified products is from our international customers,” commented Ben Brevet, Purchasing Manager at Nijpels Meubelen. “In the United Kingdom in particular, companies lead the way in responsible procurement. Many of our customers already demand that the products we supply them with originate from sustainably managed forests. We have been purchasing certified panels for some years, but were keen to go even further to demonstrate responsible sourcing. We are delighted that our PEFC certificate now enables us to prove the origin of our products.” He continues, “PEFC certification was the natural choice for our company: We soon learned that our suppliers could deliver a high, continuous volume of PEFC certified panels, which is our most important raw material, as they source their timber from PEFC-certified forests in Belgium, France and the UK,” concludes Mr. Brevet.

### About Nijpels Meubelen

*Nijpels Meubelen BV is the largest producer of self-assembly furniture in the Benelux region and delivers broad range of flat-pack furniture to large DIY and Home Furnishing stores at home and abroad. Production is located in a highly automated production facility in Bergen op Zoom (NL). The products range from teen bedrooms, wardrobes, cupboards and living room furniture to home office equipment. In addition, Nijpels also produces an innovative and smart solution for loft conversions in its “Plexat make room” range.*

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### About PEFC

PEFC is an international non-profit organization which promotes sustainable forest management. The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification is a mutual recognition programme for independent national forest certification schemes. PEFC strictly assesses national schemes against PEFC’s Sustainability Benchmark. The goal of PEFC is to create a world in which people manage forests sustainably with a balance between the social, ecological and economical functions. Today over half a million forest owners manage more than 230 million hectares of forests according to PEFC’s Benchmark. The PEFC label guarantees products are from sustainably managed forest.

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