

# International Panel Products

## **Responsible Forest Products Purchasing Policy 2008**

International Panel Products is committed to the responsible purchasing of forest products. Our long term intention is to source all forest products that we purchase from well-managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards. This commitment will be realised through a stepwise approach to responsible purchasing that utilises the best available techniques and information.

International Panel Products will abide by all relevant national legislation and international conventions (such as CITES) relating to our purchases of forest products and we will never knowingly purchase products which have been manufactured from illegally sourced materials.

Furthermore, International Panel Products will not knowingly source forest products from;

- Suppliers that do not comply with all relevant national legislation relating to the trade in forest products, or who source products from forest areas that are protected or have high conservation value unless the forests are progressing towards credible forest certification in a time-bound, stepwise and transparent manner.
- Suppliers that operate in forests which are in areas of armed conflict or civil unrest where there is a direct relationship between the suppliers business and the funding of the conflict.

### **To ensure that these goals are achieved, International Panel Products will;**

- Appoint a Director to be responsible for the implementation of our Responsible Purchasing Policy.
- Assess all of our suppliers to ensure that the purchase of their products does not breach our purchasing policy and encourage them, wherever possible, to actively engage in a process of time-bound, transparent, stepwise commitment to credible certification.
- Continually monitor our level of compliance with our purchasing policy.
- Carry out an annual review and produce written reports detailing our activities. Analysis of these reports will enable us to monitor our progress towards our long term goals and set targets for further improvements.
- Work with our suppliers and encourage the promotion of best practice in all aspects of our business relationships.