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Manchester Wood Counters Illegal Timber Importation While Creating Jobs for Americans.

MANCHESTER, Vermont. – Winter 2011 – With a dramatic rise in black market timber importation as reported in a recent issue of the New Yorker, Manchester Wood announces its continued dedication to producing a complete line of quality hard wood furniture from domestically sustainable materials.

Currently, many of the illegal logs that end up in the U.S. originate in Russia or China, where loggers and timber traders illegally harvest protected hardwood species. These operatives do not care about the long-term sustainability and health of the forests that they exploit, which levies a tremendous environmental impact in the area the timber is harvested and further weakens a recessive American economy.

In an age of increased environmental awareness and sustainable business practices, Manchester Wood is dedicated to using only wood that is grown and harvested in the United States and certified as eco friendly by the Sustainable Forest Initiative. SFI is a non-profit organization that has developed a strict set of guidelines and labeling systems that identify materials as being both sustainable and “Green.” Their labeling systems track chain of custody from the forest to the final product, currently the only reliable way for consumers to be certain that their wood furniture comes from legal timber.

Owner and operator of Manchester Wood, Priscilla Eriksen, states that, “All the furniture we produce meets SFI requirements, and therefore we can ensure to our customers that we are making the best quality products with the least impact on the environment. In addition to using American grown hardwoods to build high-quality, ‘green’ furniture, we are also creating jobs that benefit our local economy.”

Manchester wood offers a complete line of kitchen, office, home, and outdoor furniture. Pieces include such things as beautiful solid-wood computer desks, attractive and functional portable kitchen carts, end tables and coffee tables, and much more. For more information about Manchester Wood furniture and sustainability efforts visit www.manchesterwood.com.

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