



## WHAT IS PEFC?

The PEFC Council (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, founded in 1999 which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification. ***The PEFC provides an assurance mechanism to purchasers of wood and paper products that they are promoting the sustainable management of forests.***

PEFC is a global umbrella organisation for the assessment of and mutual recognition of national forest certification schemes developed in a multi-stakeholder process. These national schemes build upon the inter-governmental processes for the promotion of sustainable forest management, a series of on-going mechanisms supported by 149 governments in the world covering 85% of the world's forest area.

PEFC has in its membership 32 independent national forest certification systems of which 22 to date have been through a rigorous assessment process involving public consultation and the use of independent consultants to provide the assessments on which mutual recognition decisions are taken by the membership. These 22 schemes account for over 187 million hectares of certified forests producing millions of tones of certified timber to the market place ***making PEFC the world's largest certification scheme.*** The other national member's schemes are at various stages of development and are working towards mutual recognition under the PEFC processes.

*Extract from Australian Forestry / News June 2006.*

**In March 2006, Moxon and Company Pty Ltd's Holland sawmill in Chinchilla received its CoC certification by DNV Certification Pty Ltd to cover its *Cypress Pine* timber products sourced from DPI Forestry's extensive Cypress Pine forest in central south Queensland. Tony Moxon, Chief Executive Officer, said "We anticipate it to be of great benefit for us in our wholly owned distribution centres in the USA and France." The company's main products are pre-finished and unfinished tongue and groove flooring and of special interest from these products, the Cypress Pine will be showcased in Baltimore, MD, USA at a major national flooring show. The special interest for AFS Limited**



PEFC/21-1-1

***As at December 2006 Moxon is the only Eco-Certified producer of Cypress Pine in Australia.***