



## Environmental Statement - 2008

CWI Manufacturing is committed to the practice and support of responsible environmental policies and practices in all that we do.

CWI has a broad commitment to environmental stewardship, encompassing the products we deliver as well as our own facilities, processes, and practices. Our furniture is manufactured using recycled and recyclable materials that can help customers meet environmental standards in their buildings.

An additional element of sustainable product design stems from the inherent durability and flexibility of our furniture. We build modular furniture that lasts, which prolongs its life cycle, facilitates re-use, and conserves the resources, required to replace them. We apply these same environmental principles in our manufacturing facility, which provides a healthy, safe, and sustainable work environment for employees and has a minimal impact on the surrounding natural setting.

For the production of Lo-Pressure laminate products (MCP - Melamine) we have chosen a supplier who supplies 95% of all our Lo-Pressure laminated panels. No new trees are harvested for their production of particleboard. All of their wood supply comes from sawmills, planing mills, and other sources where the wood is a waste from a primary product production. Approximately 5% of the wood received comes from secondary use sources such as construction/demolition debris and pallets. A portion of the decorative papers used in the production of laminate contains a significant percentage of recycled content.

For our core material in our production of both High Pressure Laminate and Wood Veneered products we use industrial particle core material, which contains 100% recycled and/or recovered fibers. All Hi-Pressure laminates and veneers are thermally fused to the industrial core with non-solvent or formaldehyde based adhesives.

For the production of our wood products, care is taken to purchase only hardwood veneers that have been cultivated as a renewable resource. For example, Honduras/Brazilian Mahogany has been discontinued due to the difficulty of assuring its renewable management. Woods now used-American Black Walnut, Black Cherry, Red Oak, White Oak, and Hard Maple-are grown in the United States in forests managed for sustainable yields.

Because our factory is centrally located in Western Canada and our primary market is Western Canada we are able to minimize shipping distances, which reduces the environmental impact normally associated with freight. All product is typically shipped with little packaging, orders are shipped using recycled pallets with parts flat stacked and strapped. Product is shipped knock down, which saves space, reduces shipping and damages. Parts are not carton packed there for reducing waste and recycling. When a box is required we re-use boxes recycled from packaging of hardware shipped to our facility.

All measures are taken to recycle any production wastes at available recycling facilities in our local area.

CWI Manufacturing is located in the town of Osler, a satellite community approximately 20km north of Saskatoon Saskatchewan.

As a manufacturer of high quality wood and laminate office furniture, we understand the obligation we owe Nature for our success. We acknowledge this debt by striving to be environmentally sensitive in all that we do.

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