

## **Maximum points with LIVINGBOARD: Pfleiderer products support LEED platinum certification**

**Neumarkt, 3 November 2009** – As a leading company in the wood industry, Pfleiderer supports its customers in acquiring the LEED platinum seal for sustainable building. Currently the most widely used building certification system, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) considers all the environmentally relevant aspects of a building. It sets the highest standards for the wood materials used. Livingboard by Pfleiderer is the only chipboard on the European market that also supports LEED certification when coated.

“LEED certification isn’t just for new buildings,” explains Michael Wolff, CEO at Pfleiderer AG’s West European Business Center: “LEED is increasingly being applied in the refurbishment of existing properties.” Whether private homes, office buildings or hotels, the number of companies and individuals who are committing to sustainability and want to make an active contribution to climate protection is constantly increasing.

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In order to obtain premium certification to LEED for their often high-profile clients, Lindner AG opts for Livingboard for its interior design projects. This board meets every single LEED requirement for wood materials, without exception: in order to score in the category “Quality of room climate”, it is not enough to observe the strict VOC requirements (volatile organic compounds) for emissions. Chipboard must also be glued without urea-formaldehyde – as is the case with Livingboard.

Pfleiderer also meets all the requirements in the category “Materials and resources” without exception: Pfleiderer gives preference to wood that is sourced locally to the production site and is certified in accordance with the guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) for sustainable forestry. In order to achieve the highest qualification, LEED also requires the materials used to consist of at least 20 or 40 percent of the wood shavings and chips that occur as by-products in saw mills. As the board is produced in Ebersdorf in Thuringia/Germany, Pfleiderer can guarantee for all Germany and large parts of Europe that the raw materials used do not travel more than 800 km (500 miles) to provide regional deliveries, from production to manufacture to the building site.

“The fact that our product is the only one on the European market that is used to score the highest number of points for wood materials confirms our decision to invest in innovations and the sustainability of our products in good time,” says Michael Wolff. “And our customers benefit from the Pfleiderer brands’ high level of competence in coatings.” Following the recent addition of Livingboard to Pfleiderer Industrie’s and wodego’s ranges, customers from the worlds of industry and retail now have the choice of hundreds of designs in the two Pfleiderer subsidiaries’ products.

**About the Pfleiderer Group:**

MDAX-listed **Pfleiderer AG** (ISIN DE 0006764749) is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of engineered wood, surface-finished products and laminated flooring. The company employs approximately 5,800 people and supplies the furniture industry, tradesmen, interior fitters and the do-it-yourself market from its plants at 22 sites in North America, Western Europe and Eastern Europe. In the year 2008, the Pfleiderer Group achieved total revenue of approximately 1.74 billion euros and EBITDA of nearly 224 million euros.

**About the Business Center Western Europe:**

Western Europe is the largest business unit in the Pfleiderer Group with eight production locations, around 2,600 employees (including 130 trainees) in Germany as well as two locations in Sweden and currently 53.4% of consolidated revenues. Largely independent business units operate under the umbrella of the BC Western Europe: wodego, the brand in wood and construction materials supply; Thermopal, the brand strongly focused on project business with architects; Pfleiderer Industrie, our partner in the furniture industry; Kunz, which supplies the construction industry with base panels of raw particle board; Duropal, the specialist for laminates and flooring manufacturer Pergo.



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