



Press Release

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI) appoints new Board of Directors

Brussels, 21 November 2008 - The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI), the association of leading European importers of engineered and solid wood floorings, held on 14 November its General Assembly in its offices in Brussels and elected at unanimity a new Board of Directors.

EFPI's first President, Jürgen Früchtenicht (Amorim/Portugal) was elected as President for the next Board mandate. Bjarne Pedersen (Timberman/Denmark), member of Euparal, was elected as EFPI's Vice-President and Ton Wieringa (Fetim/Holland) took the position of Treasurer. The Board's mandate will last until 15 November 2009.

At the end of the General Assembly, Mr Früchtenicht commented: *"I am delighted to have again the opportunity to lead, along with the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General, the activities of our federation. EFPI has become the voice of importers in Europe and a trusted organisation at the EU level taking active part in the development of policies and standards which are vital for the wood flooring industry. I look forward to work with colleagues within EFPI and in other organisations to ensure the promotion of the use of wood and the representation of the timber flooring industry's concerns and interests towards decision-makers"*.

During Domotex in Hannover EFPI will host the 3rd European-US-Sino Parquet Summit on 18 January 2009, followed by a cocktail reception. This reception will be used to invite potential candidates for EFPI membership and the media as well. The most recent objectives and scheduled actions of EFPI will be communicated during the reception.

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI) is a Brussels-based association of leading European importers of engineered and solid wood floorings. EFPI was founded in June 2005 and aims to facilitate the discussion of ideas among importers about the promotion of wood flooring in Europe, to share information about EU legislation, standardisation and issues concerning international trade for the parquet industry.

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