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CEI-BOIS AND EOS WELCOME THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIALOGUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE CARBON REMOVALS CERTIFICATION FRAMEWORK

BRUSSELS, 20 February 2024 - The European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois) and the European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry (EOS) welcome the outcome of the triilogue discussions between the European Parliament and Council on the Carbon Removals Certification Framework.

In particular CEI-Bois and EOS welcome the wording which recognises and endorses wood's ability to store carbon in products in the built environment:

"... temporary carbon storage in long-lasting products (such as wood-based construction) of a duration of at least 35 years and that can be monitored on-site during the entire monitoring period".

This endorsement should help encourage a greater use of wood products by the construction industry as it endeavours to lower its carbon footprint and make its contribution to delivering the Green Deal.

It is now clear that the EU recognises that carbon stored in wood products is indeed 'a high-quality carbon removal' the value of which should be recognised and deployed as part of the plan to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

That a wide range of timber construction and renovation products already exist and the use of timber in construction is an established practice should enable their use to be rapidly increased thereby significantly increasing the amount of carbon removed from the atmosphere now and safely stored in the built environment.

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