

Woodworking professionals meet to explore the exciting possibilities with Canadian Wood

Forestry Innovation Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. (FII India) is a non-profit market development agency funded by the Ministry of British Columbia to promote Canadian solid wood lumber in India. In order to demonstrate the versatility of Canadian Wood species Western Hemlock, Yellow-Cedar, Douglas-fir, SPF and Western Red Cedar - FII India hosted a seminar and networking meet in Chandigarh. The event saw a gathering of select audience of contractors, carpenters and other woodworking professionals from the Punjab region.



The event proved to be an excellent platform for knowledge sharing and to experience first-hand the qualities of Canadian Wood. An interactive session covered several topics such as

- ◆ Benefits of using certified wood from sustainably managed forests
- ◆ Timber milling practices in Canada producing standardized high-quality lumber
- ◆ Technical information on each species' physical and working properties leading to a stable, high-quality finished product
- ◆ Creating aesthetically superior and high-quality products such as furniture, solid wooden doors, door frames, wooden windows, paneling and even other outdoor and structural applications.

Pranesh Chhibber, Country Director, FII India said, "India loves wood. It has for centuries and will continue to do so. In fact, the demand for solid wood has grown exponentially leading India to import more than 7.5 million cubic meters a year to meet the demand. This is where Canadian Wood can plug a gap in the Indian market. With certified wood, standard grades & sizes, assured quality and proper manufacturing practices in Canada, the lumber from B.C. is one of the best in the world."

Recounting his learnings from the seminar, Paramjit Singh from Mohali, a large scale contractor, said, "I personally found the workshop very useful where I gained vast knowledge about the Canadian Wood and its uses. The one thing that particularly impressed me and caught my attention was to know how well suited the wood is to Indian climate and working conditions. Some examples of work showcased by Indian manufacturers also made us aware of the benefits of using Canadian Wood."

Canadian Wood species can now be purchased locally through the following contacts.

Sahibzada Timber & Ply

Mr. Narinder Sandhu /
Mr. Lakhbir Singh
B-41&42, Ind. Area, Phase III,
S.A.S Nagar Mohali 160055, Punjab.
Tel: 0172-4659041 / 9876052041 /
9876052046 / 9876555411

Balaji Timber & Plywood

Mr. Kapil Rastogi
Ambala Road,
Zirakpur-140603, Punjab
Tel: 1762-657688 /
9814640729

About Forestry Innovation Consulting Pvt Ltd - FII India

Forestry Innovation Consulting is the British Columbia government's market development agency for forest products in India. Its mandate is to promote B.C. and Canadian forest products by building relationships with importers, wood manufacturers and government agencies. This is done by providing technical and product information on the wide variety of timber products available from B.C., Canada.

