

## Press Release

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### **Innovative hardwood products from Germany**

Major product innovation has taken place in the area of wood construction based on hardwood and hybrid products. The beech and hybrid glulam have been developed and successfully applied in construction projects.

The German wood engineering companies Hess Timber GmbH & Co KG and Schaffitzel & Miebach Faszination Brücken GmbH are both offering high-end and innovative wood construction solutions based on hardwood and hybrid glulam, for example.

Other innovative hardwood products include LVL for construction, thermally modified beech for exterior applications such as cladding, decking and garden furniture, laminated plywood shapes for furniture production, as well as laminated compressed wood for special applications such as components for car and aeroplane interiors.

Germany is home to Europe's largest wood resource (3.4 billion m<sup>3</sup>) and its largest production of sawn timber (2011: 22.6 million m<sup>3</sup>, softwood and hardwood timber, including planed products). Between January and June this year, among the most important German export markets for sawn beech – the most significant German hardwood product – were China (55,000m<sup>3</sup>), Poland (22,000m<sup>3</sup>) and the US (19,800m<sup>3</sup>).

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