

# Carbon Sequestration: A Forest Products Company View

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## Our view is global...as are the challenges

Ganada

United States

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Mexico



Ireland



#### Nine operating countries

- 2004 Brazil manufacturing acquisition
- Forest assets in five countries (~35 million acres)
- 300+ manufacturing facilities
- Self-generate 2/3s of energy from biomass
- Transportation trucks, ships, planes, rail
- Products for housing, packaging, consumer products

Urugua

France

#### Forest and Forest Product Sequestration



- Both elements make a significant contribution
- Can be a major "bridge" over the next few decades until other mitigation options are more fully developed
- CORRIM II study affirms the significant energy efficiency and GHG benefits from using wood products in home construction
- Most "Kyoto" signatory countries are now recognizing and more open to embracing forest carbon sequestration

## Capturing the "Carbon Dividend"...



- Key challenge: Improving our ability to reliably measure carbon stock changes cost effectively for different objectives
  - Afforestation
  - Mine land reclamation
  - Forest restoration
  - Biomass energy
  - Forest preservation
  - Wood products
  - Urban Forestry
  - Conservation zones within managed industrial forests
  - Managed forest "carbon management units"

#### Measurements must be more precise...



- The reasons we need to improve our ability to measure carbon stock changes over time are more demanding than in the past
- Forest carbon is becoming an "asset" that must be managed with respect to both liabilities and equity values
  - External reporting of year-to-year changes
  - Annual improvement increments more narrow than uncertainty bands
  - Third party verification of total stocks and annual stock changes to support GHG credit trading objectives
  - Management of the liabilities associated with carbon stock losses in a trading program
  - The need to track forestland acquisitions, divestitures, use changes (LULUCF)
  - Reduce the costs of accurate measurement on large tracts
  - Support of dual valuation models: timber and/or carbon yield opportunities

#### What we need...



- Significant expansion of the forest carbon data base, across types, regimes, age classes, management practices
- The impossible: more accurate AND more cost-effective measurement methodologies
- The ability to accurately measure all forest carbon sub-pools
  - Stem/bole, crown, root, soil, DOM/litter
- National and international policies that recognize the total contribution that forest and forest products can make to the climate agenda:
  - "Symmetry Principle" all forest lands should be eligible to be included in assessments of emissions and reductions through sequestration

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