

## **Rougier expands its range of processed products carrying technical and regulatory certificates**

Paris, 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 – 7am – On the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Carrefour International du Bois, Rougier announces that it has expanded its capacity to produce further processed lumber products under all necessary technical and regulatory requirements, which is in line with the strategy of (our) major industrial investments in Africa.

### **Expanding the range of processed products carrying technical and regulatory certificates**

Rougier has initiated a major investment program in order to enhance industrial performance of its African subsidiaries and consolidate its leading position within the Congo Basin forest industry.

The commitment started in Cameroon as of early 2012 by launching a modern secondary processing plant with a production capacity of 7000 m<sup>3</sup> per annum, producing for instance; Finger jointed solid blocks, Decking and under construction for Decking, round sticks and components for window shutters.

These developments are supported by a dynamic policy, complying with European industrial rules and regulations and the highest standards of quality for the whole product range. In this respect, two new certificates have just been achieved in Africa:

- Finger Jointed solid blocks, meant for the production of window frames and door components, are now KOMO certified
- CE marking, for under construction to support Decking

Rougier is at present the only African producer able to supply such guarantees for these mentioned products.

### **A major industrial investment program in Africa**

Alongside the elaboration of a high performance tool for secondary processing and, in order to improve upon the quality and the yield during the production, Rougier commits to substantial investments in Africa:

- Modernizing and increasing our sawing capacity at our production units in Mevang, Gabon and in Moulé, Congo

- Building new production units such as the Ivindo mill in Gabon, the last of in all seven Rougier operated sawmills in the Congo Basin (Cameroon, Congo and Gabon).

These actions contribute to enhance industrial capacity while expanding the offer and increasing the share of high value-added products.

### **Stay informed about Rougier's activity and progress**

Rougier publishes several documents reporting its results, its activities and goals. The activity report and the Social and Environmental Responsibility report are published every year on the occasion of the general assembly. They contain all available and updated information about the Group. In order to consult these documents which are available on Rougier's website, please go to: <http://www.rougier.fr/index.php?id=47> (in French only for the time being. English versions will be published in the coming days).

  
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Gérer la forêt, faire vivre le bois

*Created in 1923, the Rougier group is a leading producer of certified African tropical timber. The group has three core activities: "Natural forests" (forest exploitation, processing and trade in tropical timber through ROUGIER AFRIQUE INTERNATIONAL and its subsidiaries), "French import and distribution" (ROUGIER PANNEAUX and ROUGIER SYLVACO) and "Plantation forests" (study and management of industrial forest plantations in Africa through LIGNAFRICA).*

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