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### **Danzer is the First Hardwood Company to Pass New Due Diligence Standard**

Darlington, Pennsylvania, June 2016 - Danzer North America has received the ISO 17065 certificate for its due diligence program for the procurement of legal timber. HPVA Laboratories®, the testing and certification arm of Reston, Virginia based Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association (HPVA) issued the certificate in June 2016 ([www.hpva.org](http://www.hpva.org)). The new due diligence standard ANS LTDD 1.0 2015, published in March 2015, was developed jointly by the American National Standards Institute ([www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)) and HPVA in March 2015 to help encourage the use of wood and wood products.

With one of the hardwood industry's largest and most experienced procurement organizations, Danzer has a long history of formally managing its procurement processes to ensure the procurement of legal timber: Danzer formalized its Procurement Policy in 2005 using the same ISO14001 framework as its Environmental and Safety Management System. It has been audited by a third party ever since. "Our existing groundwork has been the reason that Danzer could pass the new standard so quickly", says Kami Ervin, Sustainability and Compliance Director at Danzer North America. "While Danzer's due diligence system is not new, having a program certified to the ANS LTDD Standard will further offer peace of mind to our stakeholders that we are providing a legal and responsible product to our customers. It is also easier for customers to communicate and prove the legality of their raw material, when they buy from a certified source."

The new Danzer certificate applies to all Danzer wood and wood products in North America from logs to veneer, including higher risk items like exotic trade veneers.

The certificate is available here: <http://www.hpva.org/news/danzer-certifies-legal-timber-due-diligence-standard>

#### ABOUT DANZER

Danzer is a leading quality hardwood company. The company has approximately 2,600 employees and services customers from 21 sales offices worldwide. Founded in 1932, the family oriented company is managed by a member of the third generation. Danzer owns and manages forests sustainably and produces sliced veneer, lumber and innovative value-added wood products for decorative purposes. Danzer products are being used in high-quality furniture, automobiles, interior architecture and other applications.

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