

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Danzer Backs WWF Call for Stronger EUTR Enforcement**

WWF, Danzer and other companies urge EU for stricter rules against trading of illegal timber

Maldon, UK, October 2015 - Danzer UK, a subsidiary of Austrian hardwood specialist Danzer, and 79 companies and organisations from all over Europe signed a WWF (Worldwide Fund for Nature) industry statement to strengthen the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). WWF asks the European Commission to provide adequate resource and training for the authorities, apply harmonised penalties and sanctions and ensure sufficient capacity for enforcement across the EU member states. The EU Timber Regulation prohibits operators in Europe from placing illegal timber or timber products in the EU. However, the regulation in force covers only 50% of the value of timber products entering the EU market. In addition, the regulation in some countries lacks clear penalties and sanctions for the authorities to take a firm approach towards the enforcement of the legislation. "Signing the statement underlines our commitment to responsible timber trade," says Ken Walsh, Managing Director at Danzer UK, "strict enforcement of the rules protects our forests and will create a fair and even playing field for all market participants."

**The full WWF statement and list of co-signing organizations are available for download:**  
[http://www.wwf.eu/media\\_centre/?252870/Consumers-and-industry-want-tighter-EU-rules-to-tackle-illegal-timber](http://www.wwf.eu/media_centre/?252870/Consumers-and-industry-want-tighter-EU-rules-to-tackle-illegal-timber)

#### ABOUT DANZER

Danzer is a leading quality hardwood company. The company employs approximately 2,500 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 veneer, timber and innovative value-added wood

products for decorative purposes. Danzer products are being used in high-quality furniture, automobiles, interior architecture and other applications.

URL: <http://www.danzer.com>

#### ABOUT DANZER UK

Danzer UK is a 100% subsidiary of Danzer distributing responsibly sourced timber products in the UK and Ireland. It draws on Danzer's in-house manufacturing and procurement network worldwide and offers UK customers products and services tailored to local market needs.

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