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Cutting-Edge Wood on Show at Interbuild

A revolutionary new longer-lasting wood requiring less maintenance will be showcased by BSW Timber at the Interbuild show in Birmingham later this month.

Accoya matches or betters the performance of the best tropical hardwoods and is superior to many artificial alternatives.

The wood is produced using a patented process that boosts the amount of acetyl molecules in sustainably-grown softwoods and non-durable hardwoods.

Natural wood has two per cent acetyl molecules and oak four per cent, but Accoya has a massive 20 per cent.

Wood acetylation is crucial because it protects wood from rot by making it inedible to most micro-organisms and insects, without making the product toxic.

The process also greatly reduces the wood's tendency to swell and shrink, making it less prone to cracking and ensuring that, when painted, it requires less maintenance.

Acetyl molecules are already present in all wood species so the process does not introduce anything that does not already occur naturally in wood.

BSW Timber has signed an agreement with Titan Wood to be the exclusive supplier of Accoya across the UK and Ireland.

Accoya will be on show at the Akzo Nobel-Sikkens stand at Interbuild in Birmingham from 23-27 April.

John Alexander, head of business development at BSW Timber, says Accoya has raised the bar for wood performance in windows, doors and cladding.

“BSW Timber offers a product that has new levels of warranty against decay. It does not require any further preservative treatment at joinery companies’ factories. These benefits are endorsed by technical experts such as the British Research Establishment.

“Significant resources have been committed to the commercial development of the Accoya product for the UK and the wider market in the past three years. The results are windows, doors and conservatories with new levels of performance and warranty for decay and resistance and coating life.”

Initial commercial volumes are expected to be available in the UK through BSW towards the end of this year.

BSW is already promoting Accoya to many of the UK’s leading window and door manufacturers, along with joinery firms and the timber cladding sector.

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Notes to Editor

Interbuild will take place from 23 – 27 April 2006 at the NEC, Birmingham

The benefits of Accoya will be demonstrated by BSW on the Akzo Nobel-Sikkens stand, which will also mark the signing of a formal agreement between BSW Timber and the Accoya Technology developer, Titan Wood.