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## **Update Holzindustrie Schweighofer: Eighth EUTR control with positive results**

**At the end of March 2017, Holzindustrie Schweighofer's sawmill in Sebes was subject to another control in accordance with the European Timber Regulation (EUTR). Just as the recent inspection in Radauti, which was also carried out in the same month, the competent authorities confirmed the correctness of the company's due diligence system. The control in Sebes already marked the eighth EUTR-control of Holzindustrie Schweighofer's Romanian plants – all of which rendered positive results.**

For Holzindustrie Schweighofer, this positive result represents a clear indication for the effectiveness of its action plan to ensure a sustainable timber supply chain in Romania. The aim of the measures that are currently being rolled out is to effectively fight illegal logging in Romania. Holzindustrie Schweighofer assumes this responsibility despite the fact that the company does not harvest any trees itself.

The "European Timber Regulation" is the legal framework ensuring that only legally harvested timber enters the European Union's market. The core of the stipulated due diligence system is that operators undertake a risk management exercise so as to minimize the risk of placing illegally harvested timber, or timber products containing illegally harvested timber, on the EU market.

During these controls, Holzindustrie Schweighofer's due diligence systems were examined in terms of effectiveness and correctness. In all of the cases, the competent authorities confirmed that Holzindustrie Schweighofer's due diligence system complied with the EUTR and Romania's respective laws and regulations.

The EUTR controls took place at the following sites: Radauti (March and August 2015, March 2017), Sebes (March 2016, March 2017), Comanesti (November and December 2016), Reci (November 2016).

More information about the EUTR can be found on the website of the European Commission: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/timber\\_regulation.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/timber_regulation.htm)

### **Background information:**

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional Austrian family company with over 400 years of experience in wood processing. Today, the Group is primarily active in the wood processing industry but also in dissolving pulp production, forest management, bioenergy production and real estate. The industry division of the Schweighofer Group operates three sawmills and two wooden panel productions in Romania, one sawmill in Germany and a dissolving pulp production in Austria. It takes a leading role in the European timber-processing industry, currently employing around 3,700 employees. Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to over 70 countries worldwide

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