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**AIR RESOURCES BOARD GRANTS THE COLLINS COMPANIES
EXEMPT STATUS FOR PARTICLEBOARD PRODUCTS**

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12, 2012—The [Collins Companies](#), the leading industry producer of Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC)-Certified western pine particleboard, today announced that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) granted [Pine FreeForm® Particleboard](#) and [Collins Pine Particleboard](#) exempt status. Improving upon its already award winning product, the products from Collins Products in Klamath Falls, Oregon, meet the airborne toxic control measure standard for reducing the formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products for sale, supply or use in California. Executive order N-12.123 exempts the products for their use of a formaldehyde-free polymeric MDI (pMDI) adhesive.

“This exemption and eco-certification of our composite products means our industrial particleboard surpasses the test for CARB phase 2 and further demonstrates our company’s commitment to high sustainability standards in our whole business,” said Mike Shuey, particleboard sales manager at The Collins Companies.

Collins Pine FreeForm and Pine Particleboard are moisture resistant and contain 100 percent post-industrial wood fiber while featuring high pine content. The machine-ability of the composite products helps extend tool life.

The [Collins Companies](#), the first privately held forest products company in the United States independently certified under the strict regulations of the FSC, is committed to producing safe products and high standards for sustainable operations.

To learn more about The Collins Companies Pine FreeForm and Pine Particleboard, visit [CollinsWood.com](#).

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