From James Latham’s creation as a dealer in exotic hardwoods more than two and a half centuries ago, the principal of family ownership was established and today’s company is still predominantly managed by members of the eighth generation of the founding family. During this time, the company has witnessed and often participated in some of the major historical and technological developments that have helped shape Britain.
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WWF –UK Forest Campaign

James Latham has signed up to the WWF –UK Forest Campaign committing to a 2020 target of purchasing only timber that has been independently certified as coming from legally and sustainably managed forests.
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EUTR implementation

SUSTAINABILITY

LEGALITY
• North America: USA, Canada
• South America: Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay
• Europe (outside EU): Russia
• Africa: Ghana, Congo Brazzaville, Cameroon, Ivory Coast
• Asia: China, India
• East Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia
JAMES LATHAM DDS

CAMEROON

• Lathams DDS
• Country model
• Risk assessments and mitigations
Cameroon country model

- **Legality and corruption:** CPI 27, Worldwide Governance Indicator, Global transparency index
- **Conflict timber:** Not associated with conflict timber
- **FLEGT (VPA) licence:** NOT available, The VPA is signed and is currently being implemented (no FLEGT licenses yet)
- **Timber sanctions from UN/ EU:** No bans
- **Harvest ban on species:** NONE
- **Export bans on logs:**
  Acajou (Khaya anthotheca), afrormosia/assamela (Pericopsis elata), aningre (Aningeria altissima), bete (Mansonia altissima), bosse (Guarea cedrata), bубинга (Guibourtia tessmanii), дібету (Lovoa trichiliodes), douka (Tieghemella heckelii/africana), doussie (Afzelia bipindensis), fromager (Ceiba pentandra), ilomba (Pycnanthus angolensis), iroko (Milicia excelsa), longhi (Gambeya spp.), moabi (Baillonella toxiperma), movingui (Distemonanthus benthamianus), ovengkol (Guibourtia ehie), padouk (Pterocarpus soyauxii), pao rosa (Bobgunnia fistuloides), sapelli (Entandrophragma cylindricum), sipo (Entandrophragma utile), teak (Tectona grandis), wenge (Millettia laurentii), zingana (Microberlinia bisulcata)
Cameroon country model

- Export bans on processed timber (specie, product): NONE
- Prohibited specie (it includes harvest ban): NONE
  Ayous (Triplochiton scleroxylon) and azobe (Lophira alata) are subjected to export quotas to be obtained from the Minister in charge of forests
- CITES permit:
  Appendix II - afrormosia (Pericopsis elata)
  Appendix III – NONE
- General information about available harvesting permits and our policies
- Key legality evidence
1) Right to harvest (1)
2) Concession maps (1)
3) Felling certificate (1)
4) Environmental Compliance Certificate (1, 3)

Agreement for Forest operator – Agrément à la profession d'exploitant Forestier (1)
Certificate for timber processing (Certificate D'enregisterment en qualite de transformateur de bois –) (1)
Cameroon country model

5) Felling taxes paid monthly (2) including proof of payments
6) Forest taxes paid in 3 terms (2) including proof of payments
7) Forest Management Plan approval (1,3,4)
8) Certificate of log exporter (5)
9) Certificate for processed wood exporter (5)
10) EX 1 plus proof of payment (2,5)
11) Certificate of registration issued by National Funds of the Social Welfare (NCPS) (4)
## Certification & verification scheme model

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Cameroon purchase 2015

- Sapele
- Sipo
- Movingui
- Iroko

Iroko

FSC
19%

VER
81%
1. Assurance of compliance with applicable legislation, which may include certification or third-party-verified schemes which cover compliance with applicable legislation

INITIAL RISKS – NON NEGligible

• LEGAL RIGHT to HARVEST
• TAXES and FEES
• TIMBER HARVESTING ACTIVITIES
• THIRD PARTIES RIGHTS
• TRADE and CUSTOMS (mitigation OLB only)
1. Assurance of compliance with applicable legislation, which may include certification or third-party-verified schemes which cover compliance with applicable legislation

FSC – compliant

OLB

• CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED WOOD EXPORTER

• EX1 document including proof of payment

RISK AFTER MITIGATION: NEGLIGIBLE
2. Prevalence of illegal harvesting of specific tree species

INITIAL RISKS – NON NEGLIGIBLE
*Sapele, Iroko, Movingui, Sipo*

- Diameter of logs
- Export ban on logs
- Export quota

RISK AFTER MITIGATION: NEGLIGIBLE
*FSC/OLB we have traceability in place, waybills are checked etc*
3. Prevalence of illegal harvesting or practices in the country of harvest and/or sub-national region where the timber was harvested, including consideration of prevalence of armed conflict

INITIAL RISKS – NON NEGLIGIBLE

RISK AFTER MITIGATION: NEGLIGIBLE
4. Sanctions imposed by UN Security Council or the council of EU on timber imports or exports

INITIAL RISK: NEGLIGIBLE
5. Complexity of the supply chain of timber and timber products

**FSC**

INITIAL RISK: NEGLIGIBLE
short supply chain line, product 100% FSC

**OLB**

INITIAL RISK: NEGLIGIBLE but high, consider mixing
5. Complexity of the supply chain of timber and timber products

Mixing with Vente de Coupe
If OLB verified – low risk
If NOT 3rd party legally verified to be monitored and assessed during next visit

Mixing with other small title permits
Our suppliers don’t deal with It

Mixing with Acceptable Sources under OLB
Under monitoring, OLB audit report

Mixing with illegal imports: neighbourhood
5. Complexity of the supply chain of timber and timber products
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Gabon – NEGLIGIBLE
Equatorial Guinea – NEGLIGIBLE
Republic of Congo –
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Gabon – NEGLIGIBLE
Equatorial Guinea – NEGLIGIBLE
Republic of Congo – NEGLIGIBLE
Central African Republic – NEGLIGIBLE
Nigeria/Chad – NEGLIGIBLE
In summary:

• DDS takes time and accuracy
• We strive to get transparency of our supply chain
• We aim to form long term relationships – but not to be complacent
• We like clear processes with very short supply map e.g. certified processes
• We are aware that it is dynamic environment and we need to keep our focus- desk audits, field trips
• We want to help make tropical forest sustainable
Thank you

Ewa Bazydlo
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