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W.E.I. European Institute for Wood Preservation
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WEI - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. General information

Company/Organisation:

Contact person: Mr/Mrs

Address:

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Telephone:

Telefax:

E-mail:

Website:

VAT registration:

herewith applies for membership of WEI as (see extract from the WEI-statutes) :

- Full member (industrial treatment company based in Europe)

Annual contribution defined by production volume and linked to number of votes

2000 - 19999 m ³	1 vote	1 contribution unit
20000 - 39999 m ³	2 votes	2 contribution units
40000 - 59999 m ³	3 votes	3 contribution units
> 60000 m ³	4 votes	4 contribution units

- Associated member A (industrial treatment company based outside Europe) - Contribution ½ unit
- Associated member B (supplier company) - Contribution 3 units
- Corresponding member (research institutes, ...) - Contribution € 100,00

Value of the contribution unit for the working year 2006/2007: 700,00 €

Year of foundation:

Number of employees:

Principal officers of the company/organisation:

Name

Title

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2. Detailed information

2.1. (to be completed only by applicants for full membership or associated membership A)

Annual production (m³)

Treated with:

Year	Creosote	Salts	LOSP	TOTAL
Sleepers				
Poles				
Building timber				
Garden timber				
Other				
Total				

Plant location:

Number of pressure cylinders:

Details of size:

Number	Diameter	Length

Preservatives used:

Creosote 0
 Salts 0
 Types:

 Organic solvent preservatives 0
 Other 0
 Please specify:

Quality control:

The company operates (a) quality control scheme(s): YES / NO
 If yes, please specify:
 Treated wood is supplied under (a) quality control scheme(s): YES / NO
 If yes, please specify:



2.2. (to be completed only by applicants for associated membership B & corresponding membership)

Nature of activities:

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Links to the wood preservation industry:

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3. Members of the Executive Committee contacted, if any:

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The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his knowledge are true and that he subscribes to the principles as outlined in the "Charter for professional wood preservers" of WEI.

Done at:.....

On

Signature:

<p>Form to be returned to:</p>	<p>WEI f.a.o. The Executive Committee Allée Hof-ter-Vleest 5, boîte 4 B-1070 Brussels (Fax : +32-2-556.25.95)</p>
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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

A charter for professional wood preservers

The European Institute for Wood Preservation is a prestigious body representing the wood preservation industry in Europe. This charter elaborates standards of professional conduct and expertise to which its members subscribe, and demonstrates their commitment to excellence.

INTEGRITY

Professional wood preservers maintain integrity in all their dealings. The same standards are required of their staff. Their customers have total confidence in the product or service supplied knowing that it will be fit for purpose and represent value for money.

QUALITY

Professional wood preservers are aware of the need for quality in every aspect of their business. They will have written a quality policy and will seek to develop the best principles of quality management in partnership with their suppliers and customers.

They will have, or seek to develop, a formalised quality management system complying with national or international standards and implement a quality improvement plan which will demonstrate that they are truly in pursuit of excellence.

TECHNIQUES

Professional wood preservers have a sound knowledge and understanding of the chemicals used to inhibit the deterioration of wood by fungi and insects. They will adopt or develop processes for effective impregnation, the control of their plant and process monitoring.

Their plant will incorporate the best available techniques and achieve levels of wood protection that comply with national or international standards.

ENVIRONMENT

Professional wood preservers are aware of their responsibilities in respect of the environment. They will have written an environmental policy stating their objectives and explaining the means of achieving them. They will have constructed their treatment plant, ordered their business and trained their staff to protect the elements of land, water and air and the people, animals and plants that live in them.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Professional wood preservers will have written a policy statement explaining their approach to health & safety matters. They will be aware of national or international legislation as it affects their activities. Their plant will incorporate appropriate safety devices. Above all their personnel will have received adequate training appropriate to their activities and be issued with protective clothing and facilities to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.



WEI Statutes (extract)

1.1 Membership of the European Institute for Wood Preservation, hereinafter referred to as the "WEI" shall be open to any person, firm, corporation or any other body of persons interested in wood preservation and in promoting the objects of the WEI.

1.2 Membership shall be categorised into five classes:-

- (a) Founding members
- (b) Full members
- (c) Associate members
- (d) Corresponding members
- (e) Honorary members

1.3 The Founding Members of the WEI are:-

- (a) Gips' Handels-en Beleggingsmaatschappij, N.V.
- (b) Rütgerswerke A.G.
- (c) Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Holzkonservierung.
- (d) Syndicat des Fabricants et Préparateurs de Traverses en Bois Imprégnés pour Voies Ferrées.
- (e) Verenigde Houtbereidingsinrichtingen en Houthandel Van Swaay-Gips N.V.
- (f) Societa Italiana Reuping per l'Iniezione del Legname.

1.4 Full membership shall be open only to:-

- (a) persons, firms and corporations whose domicile or Registered Office is located in Europe, and who are engaged within one or more of those countries in enhancing the durability of wood by an industrial process and whose annual production of such wood shall be at least 2,000 cubic metres,
- (b) National Associations, all of whose members are engaged within Europe in activities as described in Article 1.4 (a) hereof and whose aggregate annual production of wood exceeds 10,000 cubic metres.

1.5 Associate membership shall be available to:-

- (a) Persons, firms or corporations who fulfil the requirements of Full membership except to the extent that their plant or plants are located outside Europe
- (b) Persons, firms or corporations wheresoever located and engaged in the marketing or sale of wood preservative products, wood preserving equipment, or any other product, equipment or service relating to wood durability.

1.6 Corresponding membership shall be available to persons or bodies of persons who cannot fulfil the requirements of Full or Associate membership and who are engaged directly or indirectly in furthering the understanding of wood durability.

1.7 Honorary membership shall be awarded only to individual persons having a long and distinguished record of service to the Institute.

1.8 All applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the secretariat of the WEI in such form as from time to time may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Executive" and the signature of such application by or on behalf of the applicant shall be deemed to be an agreement by the applicant to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and all regulations and bye-laws from time to time made by the WEI.

1.9 Each application for membership shall bear proof of eligibility to membership of the class applied for and must be supported in writing by at least one voting member of the Executive from the country of the applicant or at least two voting members of the Executive from another country or countries.



1.10 A company or firm seeking membership shall declare to the WEI all locations at which it operates. Any such location which is an integral part of the company or firm, and is wholly owned by and under the full management control of the company or firm, shall be considered as part of the company or firm for membership purposes. Any subsidiary, branch, franchisee or operating location, no matter how described and not falling into the foregoing description, will be accepted into membership only if it itself satisfies all conditions of membership.

1.11 Acceptance into membership of any person, firm, corporation or body of persons shall be first conditional upon the applicant satisfying the Executive to the extent of at least two-thirds of the votes eligible to be cast by the Executive that the applicant is competent and of good standing.

1.12 Every application considered by the Executive in accordance with Article 1.13 hereof shall be verbally communicated to the Annual General meeting together with the result of the vote cast by the Executive in respect of that application.

1.13 No application for membership shall be accepted unless it is supported by at least three-quarters (75 percent) of the votes eligible to be cast at Annual General Meeting of the WEI.

1.14 Honorary membership shall not be awarded without the unanimous support of the Executive and the casting in favour of such honorary membership of all the votes eligible to be cast at Annual General Meeting.

1.15 The rights of membership shall be personal and not transferable and shall cease upon death of the person in whose name the membership is vested unless such a person represents the membership of a firm or corporation in which case the firm or corporation shall have the right to appoint a successor.

1.16 The membership of a firm, corporation or association shall cease upon the winding up or dissolution thereof except that if such winding up or dissolution shall be merely for the purpose of reconstruction or similar the Executive may at its discretion permit the rights of membership to be vested in the successor but such vestment shall nevertheless be subject to the approval of the next Annual General Meeting of the WEI immediately following the date of such winding up or dissolution.

1.17 Any member may retire from membership of the WEI by giving three (3) months notice in writing to the Executive but shall remain liable to the WEI for any subscription due and unpaid at the date the membership ceases.

1.18 A member shall be deemed to have so retired if and when any subscription due to the WEI be in arrears as at the last day of December of any year but the Executive shall have the power to reinstate such a member on such terms as to payment of arrears as the Executive sees fit.

1.19 The Executive has the right, subject to a majority of at least two thirds of votes eligible to be cast at a meeting of the Executive to immediately terminate the membership of any member who in the opinion of the Executive:-

- (a) acts inconsistently with the objects of the WEI or in such a manner as to bring the WEI into disrepute,
- (b) ceases to possess those qualifications upon which membership was originally granted, but in such a case the Executive may at its discretion offer membership of another class which offer shall be communicated in writing and be required to be accepted or refused by the said member within 30 days of the date of the offer.

1.20 Termination of membership under Article 1.22(a) hereof shall not entitle the member to any refund of subscriptions already paid or bring relief from payment of subscriptions due and unpaid as at the date of termination.

1.21 Reclassification of membership under article 1.22(b) hereof shall not entitle the member to any refund in part or whole of subscriptions paid or due to have been paid before the date of reclassification.