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Helveta field tests underway in Malaysia

- State-of-the-art timber tracking technology
- Built around the Helveta Control Intelligence System
- Partnership with The Tropical Forest Trust (TFT)

10th May 2004: The Tropical Forest Trust and Helveta are field-testing state of the art timber tracking technology. Field tests were originally planned at a project site in East Kalimantan, but the first tests are actually underway at the Ulu Forest Reserve near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Timber tagging has been completed over an area of 100 hectares, and log tracking will begin when the Forestry Department gives permission to fell (expected in May).

The system utilises bar-coding and internet based access to data to track timber flows through the supply chain 'back-to-stump', and will be an integral part of the TFT's Wood Control Systems monitoring capacity. Its ability to store and analyse large data sets and to alert users to any discrepancy - throughout the supply chain, and in real time - will mean that an offending factory or producer can be detected and challenged immediately (rather than months after the event if the discrepancy comes to light in a manual audit, conducted long after the wood has been bought and sold.)

About Helveta

Helveta Limited (www.helveta.com) enables the prediction and prevention of environmental and production problems for Blue Chip and Fortune 1000 companies through analysis of real-time data from client physical assets anywhere in the world. The company's unique Control Intelligence System deploys a sophisticated library of analytics to asset data to predict and prevent business issues such as regulatory non-compliance, production outages and equipment failure. The company has customers in major corporate industrial markets including Energy, Utilities, Agriculture and Chain of Custody. Helveta is a privately held company with offices in the UK and the US.

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