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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Fireproof Timber Frame Construction comes to the UK**

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Work will commence this week on the first timber frame building in the UK to utilise a new fireproof wood coating system that also eliminates other known problems associated with timber buildings. Newbury based building company The Canadian Timber Group have joined with Canadian Supplier BluWood International Corp to provide 2 Guest Lodges for the Donnington Grove Country Club in Berkshire and will be using their BluWood NexGen ADVANCED™ System throughout the project.

The system involves spraying the wood prior to construction with a non-toxic proprietary Microbarrier™ formula that protects wood from mould, rot, mildew, fungus and wood-boring insects as well as adding an environmentally friendly fire inhibitor. The result is an ecological and sustainable building product with the same fire rating as concrete that will not burn. The BluWood material then forms an integral layer alongside fireproof and waterproof insulation material and other products within a complete panelised product used to form the complete structure of the building.

Using timber frame as a construction material has been proven to have economic and environmental benefits. A reduced build time means the overall project costs are lower than other methods. Timber production also results in far less CO2 being produced than other methods resulting in a smaller carbon footprint.

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### **On-Site “In Progress” Photo / Video Opportunity**

**Date:** 17th Sept 2010 to 20th Sept 2010.     **Location:** Donnington, Newbury, Berkshire.

### **For more information or to arrange an onsite visit / interview please contact:**

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### **Note to Editors**

Panelised Timber Frame buildings are assembled on site after being manufactured at a purpose-built facility and as a result have a very short build time. The window of opportunity for an onsite visit to see the construction “in progress” is therefore limited to the dates above but we are happy to meet onsite beyond these dates with interested parties.

### **About The Canadian Timber Group**

Based in Newbury, Berkshire, The Canadian Timber Group were formed with a clear business plan to build low carbon and eco-sustainable homes, schools and commercial buildings using the latest panelised timber frame materials and construction methods.

They are a member of Super-E ([www.super-e.co.uk](http://www.super-e.co.uk)), a worldwide joint initiative endorsed by the Canadian Government that ensures each component of the build meets a number of standards and ensures that the UK Government’s Code for Sustainable Homes requirements are adhered to.

### **About BluWood International**

BluWood International of Vancouver, Canada is a family company with more than 60 years of history in the lumber and pressure treating industries. In 2006 they purchased the exclusive sales and marketing rights to the exciting wood coating product known as BluWood. In 2008 they introduced BluWood Plus, an enhanced version of BluWood with fire inhibiting properties.