



Environment and life on earth urge the continuous search for sustainable development and necessitate national involvement and commitment..... We are all involved.

There is no more emotive "green" issue than the use of timber. But here are some simple facts :

- Hardwoods, unlike synthetic alternatives, come from renewable resources which, in the main can be regrown in a human life span.
- Boen Bruk AS have never knowingly procured anything other than from properly managed and sustainable sources.
- Reforestation all over the world is a major concern of Boen Bruk AS and the Johan G. Olsen Group. The Group annually contributes 100 times its consumption of wood. Annual consumption is approximately one million trees, therefore the Group contributes approximately 100 million new trees to reforestation.
- 3-ply construction utilise the hardwood well, given the fact that only wearlayer, app. 1/3 of the product is from "slow growing" forest. 2/3 of the product is "fast growing" softwood.

Producing Hardwood floors will always give some by-products:

- Minimum waste is produced during the manufacture of our floors.
- The manufacture of our floors produces no toxic by-products.
- The only by-product from the manufacture of our floors is sawdust and wood chip. This is fully utilised in the factory kilns to produce heat and hot water or is incorporated into other timber based products.
- Adhesives and lacquers used in our production are specifically selected to ensure that no toxic gases or similar by-products are produced.
- In maintaining/ cleaning equipment, all by-products are deposited in separate containers and transported to destruction units.
- Boen has it own hydroelectric plant at the Boen waterfall, that produces electricity used in production.

One of the greatest threats to the environment is Man's increasing demand for energy and with it increased burning of fossil fuels ; Hardwood products utilise substantially less energy in their manufacture than synthetic alternatives.