



Latvijas Finieris - a company with a future!

Latvijas Finieris vision – to become the world's leading developer and supplier of birch plywood products and related services.

Latvijas Finieris mission – to enable customers, forest owners, cooperation partners and employees of the company to develop long-term partnership.

Latvijas Finieris conviction – plywood production still presents considerable development opportunities, and we believe that this is and will remain one of the most beneficial uses of birch wood.

The origins of plywood products in Latvia date back to 1873 when the first plywood mill was founded. In 1992 *Latvijas Finieris* was established on the basis of the state enterprise *Plywood Production Union of Latvia*.

From a plywood production company *Latvijas Finieris* has grown into a substantial Group with 18 subsidiaries, seven of which are situated in Latvia and 11 – outside Latvia. Plywood is produced and processed in Riga mills – *Lignums, Furniers, Hapaks, Troja* (mill of the affiliated company) and one in the eastern part of Latvia in Rezekne – *Verems*, and one in Lithuania – *Likmere*. Another plant *Iekārta* offers different type of industrial services related to engineering as well as customized machinery solutions for woodworking industry world-wide.

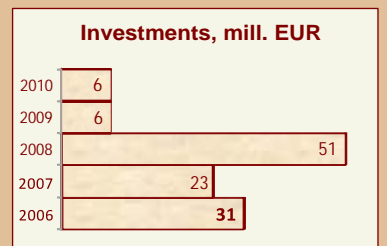
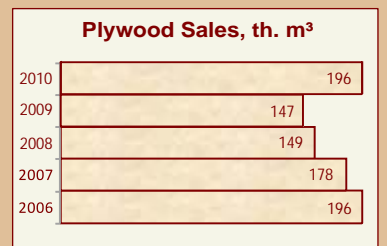
The Group is able to support, develop and market its own products internationally. Today *Latvijas Finieris* products are sold in more than 40 countries. In the framework of product and market development program 10 regional sales and product development offices were established outside Latvia (in UK, Germany, Sweden, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Finland, USA and Japan).

In order to ensure ongoing growth and development *Latvijas Finieris* has invested more than 100 mln EUR during the last five years in modernization of production, development of new products, increasing of efficiency and plywood processing capacity.

Beyond the focus on our core business – production of birch plywood, *Latvijas Finieris* is also active in:

- Forest management – growing birch plants, renewing forests, logging
- Production – synthetic resin, impregnated paper
- Development of new products and services

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Wood is an ecological, environment friendly, easy-to-process and esthetic material. Wood based products are carbon stores, thus helping to reduce CO₂ emissions that are considered to be the main cause of climate change. Plywood is the most popular of wood products, when superior technical performance is required; it has unique mechanical properties.

Latvijas Finieris supplies wide range of birch plywood products and each of them is marked with our trademark RIGA:

- ❑ Raw plywood (*Riga Ply*)
- ❑ Special plywood (*Riga Shipply*)
- ❑ Overlaid plywood (*Riga Form, Riga Mel*)
- ❑ Overlaid plywood with pattern (*Riga Tex, Riga Smooth Mesh, Riga Rhomb, Riga Heksa, Riga Heksa Plus, Riga Foot, Riga Pattern, Riga Trans*)
- ❑ Plywood for finishing painting and lacquering (*Riga Paint, Riga Preprime, Riga Prime*)
- ❑ Finished plywood (*Riga Lacquer, Riga Color and Riga HPL*)

Each type of plywood is designed for specific application due to its unique proportion of weight and strength. Examples of plywood use:

- ❑ In construction – e. g., interior and external walls, floors, scaffolding, platforms, shuttering
- ❑ Transport industry – e. g., floors of trailers, vans, buses, lining of trailer walls and ceiling
- ❑ Plywood produced at *Latvijas Finieris* is used in the manufacturing of the world's biggest LNG carrier, in insulation of which 1200 cbm (~ 40 trailers) of high quality plywood is installed
- ❑ Due to its nature birch is proved to suit to luge very well. *Latvijas Finieris* has provided technical support in production of luge, therefore Latvia won the medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics
- ❑ Plywood also can be used in production of ramps, traffic signs, furniture etc.

Latvijas Finieris Quality Control System and its products are certified in accordance with ISO 9001, ISO 14 001, BFU-100 a.o. requirements. Plywood produced by *Latvijas Finieris* is marked with CE mark in conformity with European Directive 89/106/ECC on construction products.

Latvijas Finieris holds the FSC and PEFC certificates confirming that *Latvijas Finieris* timber processing system, from logging to manufacture and delivery, meets the internationally recognised sustainable forest management principles, or in other words, assures that timber is harvested in forest that is not maltreated.

Plywood is a material with many opportunities and *Latvijas Finieris* takes part in making those opportunities a reality!

