



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Contact: Caroline March-Long, 434-295-5938 or [pressroom@sansin.com](mailto:pressroom@sansin.com)

**Sansin Wood Stains Featured on  
University of British Columbia Earth Systems Sciences Building  
Built to LEED Gold Standards**

*--Building is largest panelized wood building and the largest application of cross laminated timber in North America --*

STRATHROY, Ontario – Nov. 15, 2012 – Sansin’s KP-11™ and Sansin Enviro Stain ENS™ are featured on the wood ceilings, stairs, beams, posts and roof of the University of British Columbia (UBC) Earth Systems Sciences Building. The building is built to LEED Gold standards and is considered the largest panelized wood building and the largest application of cross-laminated timber in North America.

Recognized as pushing the envelope for creative use of wood in a commercial building, the UBC building features a gravity-defying wood staircase, more than 1,300 tons of British Columbia-sourced and engineered cross-laminated timbers (CLT) and a mixture of Douglas Fir, laminated strand lumber and CLT pine. Sansin coating on the UBC wood stairs comprises Sansin KP-11™, Sansin ENS™ and Sansin Purity Floor™.

The UBC Building represents a growing trend to use more wood in construction for durability and sustainability. According to the Canadian Wood Council, wood performs equally well or better than other building materials. Additionally, engineered wood products offer a strong combination of environmental performance and sustainability, design flexibility, cost-competitiveness and structural integrity.

“When people think of massive structures, they tend to think of steel, glass or concrete. But the UBC Earth Systems Sciences Building proves that wood is an incredible, resilient building material that can last for centuries. It also conveys a grace and beauty that only gets better over time, especially with durable coatings that let the natural grain shine through,” said Sjoerd Bos, VP at Sansin.

**Sansin Products Featured on the UBC Building:**

- Sansin KP-11™ is a concentrated, penetrating, low-VOC coating that provides a long-term protective undercoat for millwork and wood products that are subject to wet



conditions. Sansin KP-11 is designed to reduce swelling, wood rot and moisture absorption.

- Sansin ENS™ is a two-coat, low-VOC protective finish that provides exceptional beauty for long-lasting durable protection with a finish that highlights the wood's natural character. ENS™ offers an extremely tough finish that will absorb dents without chipping. Sansin ENS™ is ultra-UV resistant and will not darken over time.
- Sansin Floor™ is a technologically advanced, water-borne alkyd gymnasium grade floor finish that is UV resistant, washable, low in VOCs, high in solids, and non-flammable - with easy soap and water clean-up. Sansin Floor™ provides exceptional clarity that enhances the natural beauty of the floor without the plastic reflection found in acrylics.

### **Project Overview:**

**Architect:** Perkins & Will, Vancouver office

**Engineer:** Bernard Gafner, Equilibrium Consulting Ltd.

**Contractor:** Bird Construction

**Wood structure:** Structurlam Products Penticton

**Assembly of wood structure and wood finishing:** Nicola Logworks

**Wood finishes:** Sansin Corporation

### **About Sansin**

For 25 years, Sansin has been the only wood protection company focused exclusively on researching, developing, and introducing environmentally-friendly, 'water-borne' interior and exterior wood products and technologies that deliver outstanding color, durability and performance without the toxicity found in conventional stains. Sansin Enviro Stains use water, not oil, to deeply penetrate and protect wood naturally, from within. Headquartered in Ontario, Canada, Sansin has dealer locations across Canada and in the U.S. To learn more about The Sansin Corporation, its line of Enviro Stains or how to become a Sansin preferred dealer, visit [www.sansin.com](http://www.sansin.com).