

■ Antekad Sdn. Bhd., 89208 Tuaran, Eastern Malaysia

# Antekad Sdn. Bhd. receives big order for hardwood production pallets from Lithonplus

In its sixteen factories, Lithonplus produces an extensive range of high quality concrete products for both private customers and the public sector. The product range covers concrete paving stone systems with surfaces that have been given different finishes, together with accessories such as slabs, steps, palisades and columns and a variety of systems for gardens and sloping areas, all

of which perfectly match. The range has been extended yet further with industrial paving and products for urban design. More information under [www.lithonplus.de](http://www.lithonplus.de). At the end of 2005, the company placed a big order for over 23,000 hardwood production pallets with Antekad, a company from Tuaran, Sabah, in eastern Malaysia.

Following in-depth discussions between the Lithonplus management and various suppliers, the decision was taken to purchase production pallets of tropical hardwood for five of their factories from Antekad Sdn. Bhd in 2006. In three of the works, the production pallets that needed replacing were over ten years old, in a fourth they were changing from softwood to hardwood pallets, while in the fifth factory the hardwood production pallets were to replace plastic ones.

A particularly challenging requirement for Antekad was that all the production pallets, each measuring 1,400 x 1,100 x 50 mm, had to be delivered to the five different Lithonplus facilities in Germany in less than four months - a tight delivery

schedule, considering that it takes two months to deliver the pallets by sea from eastern Malaysia via Singapore and Hamburg or Antwerp.

Nevertheless, Antekad's owner, Klaus Neuendorff and his team met the delivery dates for the order, the largest the company had ever received. The staff worked seven days a week, but even this would not have been enough had Antekad not had access to exceptionally large quantities of tropical hardwood. Antekad's experienced wood buyers constantly monitor the local markets for wood in Southeast Asia, looking for tropical hardwoods that meet their strict quality criteria, such as Yellow Balau, Kempas, Bankirai and Heavy Malaysian Timber - varieties

of which Antekad maintains extensive stocks so that they can supply quickly when required to do so.

Before processing, these tropical hardwoods are artificially seasoned in a drying chamber to adjust the moisture content to suit the humidity prevailing in the concrete facility that buys the boards. Thus expansion or shrinkage of the wood in subsequent use is reduced to an absolute minimum.

Precautions such as these illustrate Antekad's claim to supply only top quality hardwood production pallets. The benefits of hardwood pallets are well known - superb quality blocks with a high compressive strength (and so considerable savings in cement), a long operational life, very little mould wear, low deflection and no need for protective sheets. Taken together, these factors contribute to a high degree of compaction in the blocks, despite short vibration times. Hardwood production pallets are resistant to water, cement and rotting, and can be easily re-used at the end of their operational life.

Antekad has been taking its environmental and economic responsibilities seriously for many years, for example, by cultivating over 150,000 hardwood trees that they have planted in recent years. Because the wood is monitored whilst it is growing and given the required care and attention, Antekad makes an important contribution to the local economy. A total of over 200 staff work for Antekad. All the



*Hardwood production pallets from Antekad*

hardwood used by Antekad comes from sustainably managed forests that are inspected by the national forest authorities.

Thanks to their quality, Antekad hardwood production pallets are supplied to

almost every corner of the globe, with the European and American markets taking the top spot.

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Antekad has access to extensive supplies of raw materials and thus is able to guarantee short delivery times, even for large quantities

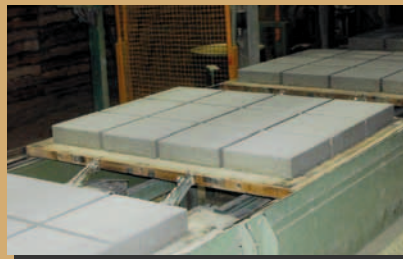
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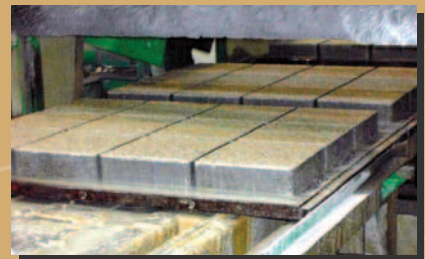
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