



Press Release

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“High Standards at Discovery Park”

Last Friday, the Dover District Chamber of Commerce held a reception at Discovery Park in Sandwich to celebrate the completion of the first stage of the OFP Timber Framed Homes (OFP) factory to be built on site.

All OFP timber products are certified by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), an international non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable forest management through independent third-party certification. PEFC operates the world's largest timber certification system covering over 300 million hectares of forests.

Through its eco-label system, OFP can track all its source timber through the entire supply chain ensuring the highest ecological, social and ethical standards.

Before an audience of local business leaders in Innovation House, OFP Managing Director Alastair Narraway said:

“We are grateful to the Dover District Chamber of Commerce for introducing us to Discovery Park. This world-class campus has provided the ideal site for us to maximise our energy efficient manufacturing processes and meet the high ethical standards that our customers demand.”

Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive David Foley said:

“OFP Timber Framed Homes has shown through the years that only the best will do. We confidently expect the company to flourish in its new purpose-built home. The recent announcement of a £160 million biomass plant to be built at the Sandwich site will encourage other businesses with high environmental standards to consider relocating to this corner of the Garden of England. Discovery Park and near neighbour Betteshanger Sustainable Business Parks offer a compelling case to ambitious companies of all sizes looking for an attractive site in East Kent that will appeal to their workers as well as to their shareholders.”

OFP is expected to complete the 20,000 sq ft unit in 2017 securing 40 jobs and supplying schools, hospitals and housing developments throughout mainland Britain.

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Information

Dover District Chamber of Commerce, established in 1850, operates in liaison with the Thanet & East Kent Chamber offering business support services to the private and voluntary sector in East Kent.

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