

**TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
REPORT ON EXPORT OF WOOD PRODUCTS, NOVEMBER 2009**

**SUMMARY**

Ghana realised **Euro 10,469,412** from the export of **37,594 cubic metres** of wood products in October 2009.

The corresponding figures for the same period in 2008 were **Euro 16,601,795** and **48,890 cubic metres** showing decreases of **33.95 per cent** in value and **16.30 per cent** in volume respectively.

Figures for Jan-October 2009 were **Euro 108,257,297m3** and **358,254 cubic metres** compared to **Euro 161,017,787** and **478,971 cubic metres** in Jan-Oct 2008, representing decreases of **32.77 per cent** in value and **25.20 per cent** in volume over the same period last year.

The decline was due largely to a drastic global economic downturn which have generally affected the cash flow of most buyers of wood products.

Of the total value of **Euro 108,257,297** for Jan-Oct 2009, Primary products (Poles and Billet) accounted for **Euro 11,204,997** as compared to **Euro 19,220,399** from the total value of **Euro 161,017,787** in Jan-Oct 2008.

Tertiary products registered **Euro 6,758,759** in Jan-October 2009 and **Euro 12,082,911** in Jan-October 2008. Secondary Products fetched a total of **Euro 90,293,541** in Jan-Oct 2009 and **Euro 129,714,477** in Jan-Oct 2008 respectively.

On Direction of Trade, Africa recorded **Euro 44,897,861** and **171,138 cubic metres (41.47% and 47.77%)** in value and volume of total wood exports for Jan-October 2009.

**Europe** accounted for **Euro 31,788,385** and **72,891 cubic metres (29.36% and 20.35%)** in value and volume respectively of total wood exports for Jan-October 2009. Key markets included Italy, France, Germany, The United Kingdom, Belgium, Spain, Ireland and Holland.

**The emerging markets in Asia/Far East:** India, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Singapore and Thailand together contributed **Euro 18,224,287 (16.83%)** to the total of wood export value in Jan-Oct 2009.

India continues to be the leading importer of Teak Poles, Billet and Teak Lumber (AD).

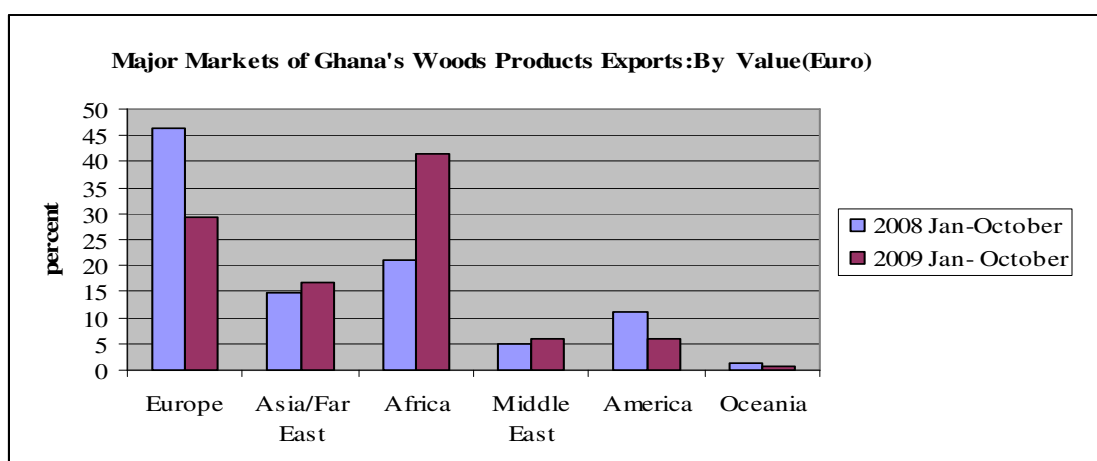
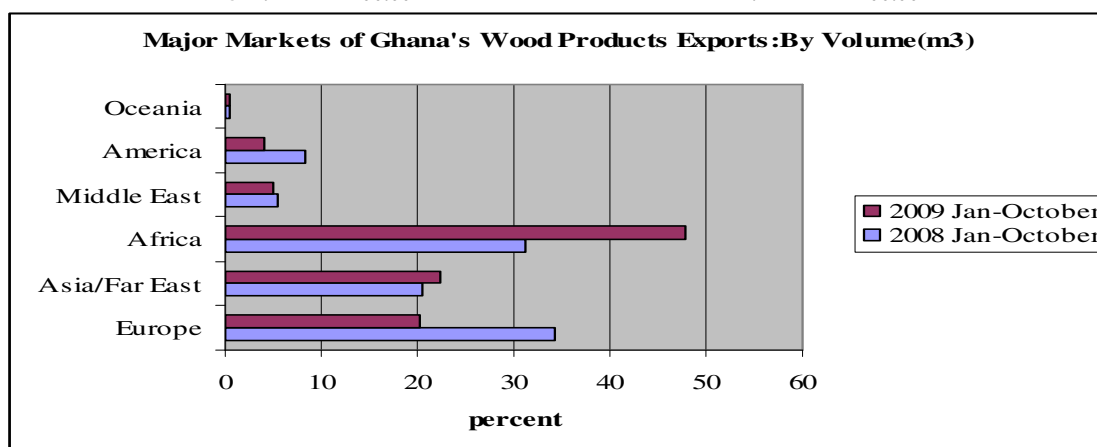
**The US** accounted for **5.93%** and **3.99%** of the total export value and volume respectively of Ghana's wood. Export for Jan-Oct 2009 as compared to **11.22%** and **8.25%** in Jan-Oct 2008. That market has recorded revenue declines in terms of wood imports from Ghana.

**The ECOWAS market** (mainly Nigeria, Senegal, Niger, Gambia, Mali, Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo) absorbed Euro **38,662,762 (86.11%)** of Africa's **Euro 44,897,861** wood imports from Ghana in Jan-October 2009. Plywood and Air dried Lumber (Ofram / Ceiba Species) continue to interest the Nigeria and Niger markets.

**The Middle East** countries, notably Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, United Arab Emirate and Israel together contributed **Euro 6,380,684 (5.89%)** to the total export value for Jan-October 2009.

**MAJOR MARKETS OF GHANA'S WOOD PRODUCTS EXPORTS: JAN-NOVEMBER: 2008/2009**

Market Regions	2008		2009		2008		2009	
	Jan-Nov Vol(m3 '000'	%of Total Volume	Jan-Nov Vol(m3 '000'	%of Total Volume	Jan-Nov Val(Euro) 'million'	%of Total Value	Jan-Nov Val(Euro) 'million'	%of Total Value
Europe	177.29	34.48			77.48	44.42		
Asia/Far East	101.56	19.75			25.01	14.34		
Africa	161.89	31.49			41.00	23.51		
Middle East	28.00	5.45			9.09	5.21		
America	42.76	8.32			19.25	11.04		
Oceania	2.67	0.51			2.59	1.48		
<b>Total</b>	<b>514.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>			<b>174.42</b>	<b>100.00</b>		



**Export Of Timber And Wood Products To ECOWAS Countries: Jan-November 2008 /2009**

Country	2008			Country	2009		
	Jan-Nov Vol (M3)	Val (Euro)	Unit Price		Jan-Nov Vol (M3)	Val (Euro)	Unit Price
Senegal	14,976	3,376,996	225	Senegal			
Nigeria	87,765	27,879,890	318	Nigeria			
Niger	13,694	2,161,859	158	Niger			
Mali	319	35,566	111	Mali			
Burkina Faso	8,834	1,900,629	214	Burkina Faso			
Togo	8,041	1,861,536	232	Togo			
Benin	4,352	998,753	229	Benin			
Sierra Leone	417	118,609	284	Sierra Leone			
Gambia	411	122,947	299	Gambia			
Liberia	20	4,762	238	Liberia			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,829</b>	<b>39,461,547</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			

**COMPARATIVE EXPORT STATISTICS FOR TIMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS: JAN-NOVEMBER 2008 /2009**

PRODUCT	JAN-NOV	JAN-NOV	Percentage Change	JAN-NOV	JAN-NOV	Percentage Change
	2008 Vol(m3)	2009 Vol(m3)		2008 Val(Euro)	2009 Val(Euro)	
Lumber(KD)	109,746			43,277,019		
Lumber(AD)	64,132			18,792,017		
Lumber(Overland)	3,396			292,389		
Boules(AD)	4,037			2,044,829		
Boules(KD)	148			49,591		
Poles	84,069			15,874,189		
Plywood	13,487			4,135,100		
Plywood (Overland)	117,174			34,414,671		
Sliced Veneer	37,296			29,884,589		
Rotary Veneer	28,153			6,992,651		
Curls Veneer	116			1,073,732		
Mouldings	23,110			10,512,344		
Furniture Parts	41			74,093		
Parquet/Flooring	2,328			1,690,147		
Dowels	889			557,643		
Billet	24,347			3,974,723		
Block Boards	1,150			319,230		
Profile Boards	95			59,303		
Powdered Barks	2			237		
Layons	432			376,754		
Kindling	-			-		
Curls Board	-			-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514,147</b>			<b>174,415,250</b>		

<b>JAN-NOV 2008</b>	<b>JAN-NOV 2009</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
VOLUME: 514,147 M3	VOLUME:	
VALUE : EURO 174,415,250	VALUE : EURO	

**EXCHANGE RATES**

1 EURO = £  
1 EURO = US\$

**SUMMARY REPORT ON EXPORT PERMITS FOR OCTOBER 2009**

CUMULATIVE:JAN. - OCTOBER 2009

PRODUCT =====	VOL. (M3) =====	VAL. (EURO) =====	VOL. (M3) =====	VAL. (EURO) =====
1. (PLYWOOD) OVERLAND	12,221.320	3,092,556.50	116,861.695	32,914,553.58
2. LUMBER (KILN DRIED)	6,954.424	2,386,381.00	56,680.589	20,314,198.97
3. SLICED VENEER	1,810.640	1,282,537.46	25,324.812	17,207,524.91
4. LUMBER (AIR DRIED)	4,129.759	1,209,352.00	39,490.794	11,302,200.96
5. POLES	6,232.933	1,145,940.81	49,175.250	9,703,358.36
6. PROCESSED L/MOULDING	996.192	495,724.74	11,725.831	5,824,062.38
7. LUMBER (OVERLAND)	3,390.854	266,057.84	32,433.542	2,743,840.76
8. PLYWOOD	712.524	226,346.45	6,814.258	2,122,324.02
9. ROTARY VENEER	577.438	127,671.90	8,629.107	2,165,541.86
10. FLOORING	133.585	120,131.32	779.793	729,090.37
11. BOULES (AIR DRIED)	130.138	59,863.48	1,578.194	744,274.21
12. BILLET	171.020	34,678.80	6,967.658	1,501,638.27
13. DOWELS	18.985	17,230.78	365.790	205,606.27
14. KINDLING	113.542	4,670.56	340.626	20,475.06
15. CURLS BOARD	0.795	268.58	0.795	268.58
16. LAYONS			65.810	92,715.19
17. BOULES (KILN DRIED)			188.153	94,394.59
18. CURLS VENEER			57.295	316,661.05
19. BLOCKBOARDS			773.978	254,567.16
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	37,594.149	10,469,412.22	358,253.969	108,257,296.55
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**LEADING EXPORTERS OF WOOD PRODUCTS - OCTOBER 2009**

PRODUCT	EXPORTER	VOL (M3)	VAL (EURO)
(PLYWOOD) OVERLAND	NAJA DAVID VENEER	3,524.661	1,053,308.02
LUMBER (KILN DRIED)	SAMARTEX TIMB. & PLY.	712.347	284,230.19
SLICED VENEER	JOHN BITAR & CO. LTD.	539.904	320,929.91
LUMBER (AIR DRIED)	SUBHA IMPEX GHANA LTD.	633.412	185,964.28
POLES	FORTUNA TIMBERS (GH) LTD	1,762.040	343,777.88
PROCESSED L/MOULDING	LOGS & LUMBER CO. LTD	206.308	108,520.32
LUMBER (OVERLAND)	RAHMUSA COMPANY LTD.	2,287.706	180,686.03
PLYWOOD	SAMARTEX TIMB. & PLY.	188.487	69,695.92
ROTARY VENEER	AYUM FOREST PRODUCTS LTD	250.930	55,013.64
FLOORING	JOHN BITAR & CO. LTD.	67.839	60,300.00
BOULES (AIR DRIED)	G. D. C. LIMITED	130.138	59,863.48
BILLET	ROOT EXPORT LTD.	80.403	15,863.62
DOWELS	MODERN WOOD TECHNOLOGY	18.985	17,230.78
KINDLING	BIG K PRODUCTS LTD.	113.542	4,670.56
CURLS BOARD	JOHN BITAR & CO. LTD.	0.795	268.58

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PRODUCT	EXPORTER	VOL (M3)	VAL (EURO)
(PLYWOOD) OVERLAND	NAJA DAVID VENEER	46,910	15,038,532
LUMBER (KILN DRIED)	JOHN BITAR & CO. LTD	6,384	2,426,614
POLES	AMINEXO CO.LTD	8,122	1,701,549
SLICED VENEER	LOGS & LUMBER CO. LTD	6,249	4,277,992
PROCESSED L/MOULDING	LOGS & LUMBER CO. LTD	3,207	1,471,423
LUMBER (AIR DRIED)	SWISS LUMBER CO. LTD	3,441	807,930
ROTARY VENEER	AYUM FOREST PRODUCTS LTD	2,861	695,612
PLYWOOD	NAJA DAVID VENEER	2,185	714,113
LUMBER (OVERLAND)	RAHMUSA CO. LTD	18,088	1,478,620
BOULES (AIR DRIED)	SAMARTEX TIMB. & PLY.	604	299,563
BILLET	ROOT EXPORT LTD	2,136	479,145
FLOORING	MODERN WOOD TECHNOLOGY	421	432,009
BLOCKBOARDS	NAJA DAVID VENEER	607	217,537
DOWELS	BIRIM WOOD COMPLEX	218	97,471
LAYONS	A. G. TIMBERS LTD.	58	86,421
BOULES (KILN DRIED)	SAMARTEX TIMBER & PLYWOOD	117	66,083
CURLS VENEER	PYRAMID VENEER LTD	20	209,826
KINDLING	BIG K PRODUCTS LTD	341	20,475
CURLS BOARD	JOHN BITAR & CO. LTD	1	269

**WOOD PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	JAN-NOV	2008	JAN-NOV 2009	
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<b>PRIMARY</b>				
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Dowels	889	557,644		
Furniture Parts	41	74,093		
P/Floorings	2,328	1,690,147		
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Broomsticks	–	–		
Kindling	–	–		
Curls Board	–	–		
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