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Mr. Alex Wiedenhoef, Botanist  
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RE: Request for wood identification  
Sample ID: Sherwin-Waco-12-10-03 Trailer VIN - Unknown

Dear Mr. Wiedenhoef,

We are sending you samples of a truck-trailer flooring that failed in service due to glue bond delamination. Please identify as many strips/components as possible. We suspect that this sample will show more than one specie of wood.

Based on our experience, we believe that the wood species are likely to be one or more of the following: Ash, Birch, Beech, Hard Maple, Soft Maple and Oak. It is possible that a laminated panel may have several of these species mixed up together (for example: beech, birch and maple; red and white oak combinations). We suggest that you strongly consider these species for your identification work, while also taking other hardwoods into account such as pecan, hickory and locust.

We look forward to your findings. We have attached a copy of the Collection Agreement between Havco and FPL. Please copy Dr. Regis Miller.

19 specimens identified:  
all are Birch (Betula sp.)

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Sincerely,

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