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**Stommel Haus Agency UK and Svenska Handelsbanken
Chelmsford team up to bring high energy efficient and
sustainable homes to UK clients**

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Stommel Haus have manufactured houses for more than 40 years and erected some 1800 houses in German speaking Europe, Switzerland, Benelux and Sweden. The core design, production and build have been certified with renowned German certification marks.

The slogan "Ein Haus wie ein Baum - A house like a tree" - underlines the company's focus on the healthy and natural building material of wood which besides sustainability and health aspects enables the company to build highly energy efficient houses.

Stommel Haus provides advanced living standard with houses achieving very high insulation values and using modern and eco-friendly heating systems which will be financially supported from April 2011 by the British Government Renewable Heat Incentive over a period of around 25 years.

Owning a Stommel Haus home with such sustainability and very high quality is an excellent investment, a benefit which is recognised by experts and financiers such as Svenska Handelsbanken.

Svenska Handelsbanken is one of Sweden's leading banks with over 700 branches worldwide and 78 around the UK today. The bank was established in 1871 in Stockholm and started operations in Great Britain in 1982. "Relationship banking – just as you remember it" underlines Handelsbanken's principle to provide not only good service but to be a partner and advisor to their customers. Handelsbanken puts great emphasis on its close and direct customer relationship.

Stommel Haus UK and Svenska Handelsbanken Chelmsford are working together to provide British clients with high energy efficient and sustainable homes supported by bridging loans and mortgages from Handelsbanken to Stommel Haus clients.

Ralf Stommel, Managing Director of Stommel Haus says: "Our principles and those of Handelsbanken Chelmsford complement each other very well: We both aim to provide a good service with high quality products and a direct partnership to our clients. Our well designed solutions and premium material allow us to build high quality and sustainable timber houses. Handelsbanken in Chelmsford put the needs of their customers ahead of all else, tailoring their services to individual requirements. We work together for the benefit of our home owners and a sustainable future."

Julian Waller, Branch Manager of Svenska Handelsbanken in Chelmsford says: "In today's challenging and competitive world everyone needs all the help and support they can get in order to gain and keep competitive advantage. As a major international bank, Handelsbanken recognises it has a role to play in acting, not only as a service provider, but



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more importantly as a partner/advisor. Handelsbanken Chelmsford is pleased to work with Stommel Haus and provide mortgages and bridging loans for our clients, existing or new, planning to build an excellent energy efficient and healthy home."

About Stommel Haus

Stommel Haus is a premium manufacturer of energy efficient, solid timber houses. With 41 years of experience, the family business has proven that building with solid timber, energy efficiency, contemporary design and the attention to quality are no contradiction but lead to providing a modern, ecological and high quality product.

Nestled in the small town of Neunkirchen-Seelscheid near Cologne, Stommel Haus develops and produces their certified timber houses with high precision CNC machines. The houses are transported on site where they are erected by qualified teams and made wind and water tight typically within 5-7 days. The under-floor heating, heat pumps and the interior are then fitted by German craftsmen with only the best branded products.

Visit Stommel Haus Web Site at www.stommel-haus.co.uk.



Ein Haus wie ein Baum.

About Svenska Handelsbanken Chelmsford

Handelsbanken Chelmsford is one of over 78 branches in the UK, providing a full range of banking facilities for their customers.

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Unlike most other banks, their operations are not centralised, i.e. each branch has the power to make its own decisions, so as to offer a banking service that is precisely matched to the needs to the local market.

The slogan "Relationship banking – just as you remember it" underlines the bank's customer proposition which is based upon a very strong relationship management approach delivered by a locally based team, not distant and faceless call centres. Dealing with a smaller number of customers Handelsbanken can therefore be far more knowledgeable about their clients and contribute to their success.

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