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RECLAIMING 130-YEAR-OLD SLEEPERS

Durmiente is a Spanish noun with two meanings, “sleeping one” and “railroad sleeper”. Our *Durmiente Console* is a modern piece steeped in over 130 years of Argentine history.

From the mid 1800s to the early 1900s, British capital poured into Argentina to build what was then one of the most extensive railroad networks in the world. The sleepers were made with *Quebracho*, an exceptionally hard wood, plentiful in northern Argentina.

In the past century, many railroad tracks have been abandoned or replaced, giving TerraSur the opportunity to give the *Quebracho* sleepers a new purpose.

Resting atop a modern-industrial, hand-forged steel base, each sleeper is no less than 100 years old. Deep crevices and natural cracks on the surface and the original railroad bolts take the console back in time while the base makes it current.

The *Durmiente Console* is offered in two lengths, 80” and 68”. It is 10” deep and 32” high.

“Our *Durmiente Console* is an Urban Industrial design,” says Jessica D. Holmstrom, owner and president of TerraSur, “and another example of our commitment to sustainable, reclaimed manufacturing.”

TerraSur’s factory in Argentina is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) chain-of-custody certified by the SmartWood program of the Rainforest Alliance (COC # 001206). TerraSur is also a member of the Sustainable Furnishings Council.

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