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Info Fair Welcomes 80 Member Company Participants

EWTA is hosting its 23rd supplier exhibition this year with 80 members participating. Info Fair will be held in conjunction with APA's Annual Meeting in Bonita Springs, Florida, November 5–8. The following EWTA members will be exhibiting and/or sponsoring (platinum, gold, silver, golf, tennis or cripple coot shoot competition):

AkzoNobel Wood Adhesives
Altec Integrated Solutions Ltd.—Silver
ANDRITZ, Inc.
Arclin—Performance Applied—Silver, **Golf**
Argos Solutions AS—**GOLD**
Ashland Inc.—**GOLD**
Babcock & Wilcox MEGTEC—Silver
BASF—We create chemistry—**GOLD, Coot Shoot**
Baumer Inspection GmbH—Silver
Biele, S.A.
Bruks Rockwood—PLATINUM
Brunette Machinery Company Inc.—**GOLD**
Chem-Trend LP—PLATINUM
Clarke's Industries Inc.
CMA engineering Inc.—PLATINUM
Combilift USA
Connexus Industries, Inc.—Silver
Con-Vey Keystone, Inc.
COSTA Sanders LLC—PLATINUM
Dieffenbacher USA Inc.
Dürr Systems, Inc.
Electronic Wood Systems, NA—Silver
Evergreen Engineering, Inc.—Silver, **Coot Shoot**
Flamex, Inc.—Silver, **Tennis**
Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC—Silver, **Coot Shoot**
Globe Machine Manufacturing Company
Grenzebach Corporation—Silver
Guardian Chemicals Inc.
H.B. Fuller—Silver
Henkel—**GOLD**
Hexion, Inc.—**GOLD, Golf**
Hunt, Guillot & Associates LLC—Silver
Huntsman Polyurethanes—PLATINUM

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IMAL-PAL Group—Silver
IMEAS Inc.—Silver
InterWrap
Kadant Carmanah Design—Silver
Kimwood Corporation—**GOLD**
LIMAB
Lundberg—Silver
Matthews Marking Systems—**GOLD**
McLube Division, McGee Industries, Inc.
Meinan Machinery Works, Inc./Merritt Machinery—**GOLD**
Mereen-Johnson LLC
Metriguard—Silver
Mill Machinery LLC
NESTEC, Inc.—Silver
Nicholson Manufacturing Ltd.
Panel Machinery & Controls, LLC—Silver
Panel World Magazine/Hatton-Brown Publishers, Inc.—Silver
PFS-HAWE Hydraulics—Silver
Player Design Inc.—Silver
Process Combustion Corporation—Silver
Raute—**GOLD, Golf**
REA JET—Silver
Samuel Packaging Systems—**GOLD**
Samuel Packaging Systems Group/Coding & Labeling
SASCO Chemical Group, Inc.—PLATINUM
Siempelkamp LP—Silver
Signode Packaging Systems—PLATINUM
SonicAire—Silver, **Coot Shoot**
Spar-Tek Industries—Silver
Spraying Systems Co.—**GOLD**
Steinemann Technology USA, Inc.—Silver
Stratachem Solutions Group LP—PLATINUM, **Coot Shoot**
Sweed Machinery—PLATINUM
Tebulo NA Ltd.—**GOLD, Supplier Awards**
The HT Group
TSI—**GOLD**
USDA Forest Products Laboratory
USNR—PLATINUM, **Coot Shoot, Golf**
Veneer Services, LLC—PLATINUM
Ventek, Inc.—**GOLD, Coot Shoot, Golf**
Wanhua Chemical (America) Co., Ltd.—Silver
Westmill Industries USA Corp.—PLATINUM, **Golf**
Willamette Valley Company—**GOLD, Golf**
Wood-Based Composites Center—Silver
WPS Industries/Eagle Project Services, LLC—**GOLD**

Supplier of the Year Awards to be Announced at Annual Meeting

EWTA's annual Supplier Awards will be announced at the APA Annual Meeting November 5-8 in Bonita Springs, Florida. The awards—sponsored by member company Tebulo NA Ltd.—honor EWTA members. The overall awards program features two competitions: the Supplier of the Year awards and the Innovation of the Year award. In EWTA's Supplier of the Year awards program, APA members will vote for winners—ballots were emailed to APA members earlier this month—based on quality, service and delivery of products, equipment and/or services supplied to them by EWTA members. One winner will be chosen in each of three member categories: Equipment/Tooling, Materials/Supplies, and Consulting/Services. EWTA's Innovation Award is an annual awards program that is designed to recognize the accomplishments of EWTA member companies. The award honors new technologies, systems or products that have been shown to demonstrably reduce production costs, increase productivity, improve product quality or in some other way provide a bottom-line benefit to APA members. The Innovation Award winner is also determined by APA member email votes, combined with in-person votes at EWTA's Info Fair during the APA Annual Meeting. Supplier Award program winners will be announced during the Annual Meeting Chairman's Dinner November 7, and winners will also be published in the spring 2017 issue of the *Engineered Wood Journal*. Last year's Supplier of the Year and Innovation of the Year award winners are on the [EWTA website](#).

EWTA Exhibiting at Timber Processing Expo

The Engineered Wood Technology Association will have a booth at the Timber Processing and Energy Expo in Portland, Oregon, September 28–30. The expo is held every other year and is hosted by *Timber Processing* and *Panel World* magazines. The event caters to producers of lumber, plywood and engineered wood products. Stop by the EWTA booth and say hello.

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EWTA Welcomes 5 New Members

- **Dominion Chemical Company Inc.** is based in Petersburg, Virginia. The company blends, packages and creates specialty wax formulations. Vice president Maclin Ferrell can be reached at maclinferrell@dominionchemical.com.
- **Dürr Systems Inc.** is based in Southfield, Michigan, and supplies solutions—from planning to implementation to service—to reduce emissions in diverse industry sectors, including the wood processing industry. Account Manager Scott Brayton can be reached at scott.brayton@durrusa.com.
- **Mid-South Engineering Company** is based in Cary, North Carolina, and is a full-service, consulting engineering firm that provides a broad range of professional engineering services with a particular expertise within the forest products industry. Vice president Scott Stamey can be reached at [sstamey@mseco.com](mailto:ssstamey@mseco.com).
- **Player Design Inc.** is based in Presque Isle, Maine, and offers complete drying island packages including equipment supply, design and installation. President Tyler Player can be reached at tyler@playerdesign.net.
- **Surfactor Americas LLC** is based in Lacey, Washington, and custom designs phenolic, melamine and other resins for use in state-of-the-art impregnation processes to meet specific customer needs. President Roy Nott can be reached at roy.nott@surfactor.com.

Samuel Packaging Systems Group Merges U.S. and Canadian Teams

Samuel Packaging Systems Group recently announced that it merged its U.S. and Canadian forest product teams earlier this year to create the North American Forestry division. The consolidation supports the “One Samuel” initiative, which promotes consistency among Samuel’s divisions for the benefit of customers. The merger is expected to address the needs of Samuel customers whose operations straddle the U.S. and Canadian border.

Combilift Invests in New Manufacturing Facility

Combilift Ltd. announced in a press release that it will invest \$50 million over the next two years in a new manufacturing facility in Ireland, which will also create 200 additional jobs over the next five years. Combilift has recently purchased 100 acres of industrial zoned land where the new purpose-built, 500,000-sq.-ft., greenfield manufacturing site will be built. This will include a dedicated research and development building and adjoining administration offices, and will be more than twice the size of the company’s present manufacturing facilities.

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Evergreen Engineering Opens Atlanta Branch Office

Eugene, Oregon-based **Evergreen Engineering Inc.** has opened a branch office in Atlanta, Georgia, to pursue opportunities in the southeastern U.S. The Atlanta office, located at 8607 Roberts Drive, will begin with 10 employees and is expected to grow.

Signode Canada and IBC Form Partnership

Signode Canada, a division of **Signode Packaging Group** and **IBC, International Bar Coding Systems and Consulting Inc.** have formed a strategic partnership for labeling and bar coding solutions for the wood products and building materials sector. The partnership is expected to increase Signode's position as a one-vendor solution, while growing its market share in wood products utilizing IBC's label applicators and printer applicators. The new partnership broadens the tools that Signode offers wood products customers and acts as a catalyst for further advanced research and development at IBC, while driving scale and efficiency in both partners' respective supply chains.

GreCon Announces New Products

GreCon recently announced three new products. The Laser Thickness Gauge DML 6000 with Carbon Frame can be used to measure materials with low raw density, allowing it to better adapt to various production conditions and customer-specific quality requirements. The GreCon FORMATOR, a combination of the GreCon DIEFFENSOR and the segmented scalper, is an automatic control system that optimizes the weight per unit area distribution of MDF panels. And the GreCon STENOGRAPH is a raw density profile measuring system that can reliably measure the raw density profile of MDF panels on the production line from a thickness of 6 mm up to 42 mm.

Two Fall Courses at University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee Center for Renewable Carbon has announced two fall educational sessions. "Statistical Process Control and Statistical Methods for Lean Systems" will be held September 20–22, and "Design of Experiments for Manufacturers" will be held October 11–13, both at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. To register, visit www.spc4lean.com.

AROUND THE INDUSTRY

APA Annual Meeting On Course November 5–8

APA hosts its 2016 Annual Meeting November 5–8 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida. The theme for this year's meeting, Affordable Housing: Navigating the Headwinds and Uncertainties, will be the topic of a panel discussion and keynote address in the general session. The meeting also includes roundtable discussions, committee meetings, and the full-day APA Safety and Health Workshop. EWTA's annual supplier exhibition, Info Fair, will take place in conjunction with the meeting, featuring sponsored receptions and booths from dozens of EWTA members. Visit the [APA Annual Meeting website](#) for more information.

SmartLam CLT Receives ANSI/APA Certification

Cross-laminated timber manufacturer SmartLam Technologies LLC of Columbia Falls, Montana, has received certification under the American National Standards Institute-approved ANSI/APA PRG 320-2012 Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber. The company noted that, in addition to this certification standard for manufacturing and performance requirements, other application standards are also being adopted for the material. The use of CLT was incorporated into the 2015 edition of the International Building Code and the 2015 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 5000 Building Construction and Safety Code.

Roseburg CEO, Former APA Board Member Retires

Roseburg Forest Products CEO Allyn Ford retired September 1. Former company president Grady Mulbery is now the president and CEO. Ford will remain a key part of the company in his role as chairman of Roseburg's board of directors. Ford also resigned from the APA Board of Trustees after 10 years of service.

Boise Cascade Elects New VP of HR

Boise Cascade Company recently announced that it has elected Erin Nuxoll as vice president of human resources. Nuxoll previously served as Boise Cascade's vice president of human resources from 2003 to 2005 before leaving to join the J. R. Simplot Company.

FPS, Salzburg University Offer International Conference

The Forest Products Society and Salzburg University of Applied Sciences have organized the 4th Annual Conference on Process Technologies for the Forest and Biobased Products Industries October 25–26 in St. Simons Island, Georgia. This two-day conference will feature speakers from universities and manufacturers across the globe, tackling advanced materials topics such as biopolymer composites, use of agricultural waste for panel production and more. Register on the [FPS website](#).

House Bill Introduced to Advance Tall Wood Building Construction

In July, several state lawmakers introduced the Timber Innovation Act, a bill which would establish a performance-driven research and development program to advance tall wood building construction in the United States. The House bill, which is a companion to a Senate bill, was introduced by Reps. Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA), Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA). It received strong support from The American Wood Council, American Forest Foundation, Binational Softwood Lumber Council and Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association. It was opposed by some trade groups, such as the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, which said the legislation would use federal funding to show preference to one building material over another.

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