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Great Southern Wood Subsidiaries Acquire Treating Plants

December 3, 2007 – Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc., announced today that two of its subsidiaries have acquired wood treating plants in Glenwood, Arkansas and Buckner, Missouri formerly owned by Curt Bean Lumber Company, Inc. In addition, the agreement calls for Curt Bean Lumber Company's Amity, Arkansas, plant to provide treating services to Great Southern.

The addition of these two facilities gives the company a total of nine treating facilities and marks its expansion into the Midwest. According to company president and CEO, Jimmy Rane, "Our focus has always been on providing great products and great service, and we're excited to bring that commitment to Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and portions of Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. We also have a common bond with the Beans in that we are a family-owned company that places great value on people. We look forward to kicking off operations in time for the 2008 season and to getting everyone possible back to work," he added.

"With that in mind, we're thrilled to announce that Linda Priddy has agreed to join our sales team. Linda was associated with the Bean operation for many years and brings a wealth of experience to our team. She's well known throughout the industry as a consummate professional, and we couldn't have a better person representing us."

According to the company's chief operating officer, Mark Callender, Great Southern does more than provide lumber dealers with a broad range of pressure treated lumber products. "In addition to pressure treated products, we also distribute many other items, like TimberTech composite decking, that are used in the building industry. Plus, we also have our own trucking company, Greenbush Logistics, with a fleet of 300 trucks and 600 trailers. By providing timely and dependable service, we're able to help our dealers manage their inventories more effectively. The more efficient our dealers can be with their inventories, the better they can serve the consumer," he added.

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Rane elaborated, “We offer our dealers a complete array of treated lumber products from one source. Our YellaWood® brand pressure treated pine is widely known to consumers throughout the South who use it for a variety of outdoor building projects. As our flagship brand, YellaWood® uses the MicroPro™ preservative system, the only wood preservation system to receive certification from Scientific Certification Systems as an Environmentally Preferable Product. This is a milestone in our industry and one we’re very excited about. To be able to bring our YellaWood® brand products to new markets is very exciting for us.

“Our company was also one of the first treaters to offer a borate treated lumber product in addition to traditional treated lumber. Our N-Durz® brand borate treated lumber has been very successful for interior applications, and our FlameFreez® brand fire retardant product is one of the fastest growing categories in Great Southern’s product line. However, these pressure-treated lumber products are only part of our line-up. We also produce many other treated lumber products such as fence products, posts, poles and specialty products to name a few,” he added.

Great Southern was founded in 1971 in Abbeville, Alabama. For the past two years, the company has been recognized by *Building Products Digest* as the largest lumber treater in the nation. Additional plants are located in Conyers, Georgia; Jesup, Georgia; Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; Sumter County, Florida; and Columbus, Texas.

Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Southern Wood Holdings, Inc. Great Southern Wood – Glenwood, Inc., and Great Southern Wood – Buckner, Inc. are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc. The company is headquartered in Abbeville, Alabama, and is the industry’s leading producer of pressure-treated lumber products for D-I-Y retail home centers, pro dealers and other retail building related segments. For information about Great Southern, please call us at 334-585-2291 or visit our website at www.greatsouthernwood.com.