



# Press Release

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## **Carolina Melamine Press Start-up**

**Markham, CANADA** –Flakeboard is pleased to announce the start-up of its thermally-fused melamine press at its particleboard plant in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

This new installation, equips the particleboard and MDF site with a 5x20 fast-cycle press capable of running 180 cycles per hour in multi-length dimensions of four and five foot widths. Building value-add in this location provides the region with access to Flakeboard's range of TFM designs including specialty melamine panels such as Wear Resistant Melamine (WRM), and fire-rated and moisture resistant products.

Kelly Shotbolt, President and CEO states, "The start up of the new melamine line at CPB has gone very well and is a very impressive installation; we look forward to the benefits that this program can bring to the business."

The CPB (Carolina Particleboard) Regional Laminating Center will be pressing both particleboard and MDF for cabinet, furniture, and store fixture markets, as well as for the emerging use of melamine laminated panels used in closets, storage and home organization systems. Sales indicate that there is a strong interest for supply from this location stretching from the Northeast to Florida and into the Midwest.

The next melamine press installation is slated for Albany, Oregon in 2009.

Flakeboard, a privately-held company, is the largest manufacturer of particleboard and medium density fiberboard panels in North America. Since its incorporation in 1960, Flakeboard has been focused on growth within the composite panel industry, and on the formation of a highly integrated business model through constant reinvestment and optimization.

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