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Louisiana Melamine Press Start-up

Markham, CANADA —Flakeboard announces the start-up of its second thermally-fused melamine press at its particleboard plant in Simsboro, Louisiana.

The new 5x20 fast-cycle press is capable of running 180 cycles per hour in multi-length dimensions of four and five foot widths. This modern Siempelkamp press is fitted with multiple hydraulic rams for optimal pressure equalization across each panel, has a fully-automated paper alignment feature and a Superscan grading system from GreCon.

“We are extremely proud of the work done by the team involved in this installation,” comments the company’s Marketing Manager of Decorative Products, Paul Avidon. “Providing TFM capacity opens the southern markets to Flakeboard’s range of TFM designs including wear resistant melamine (WRM), and our fire-rated and moisture resistant TFM specialty panels.”

The LPB (Louisiana 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.

The next planned melamine press installation is for Bennettsville, South Carolina in May, followed by 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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