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Flakeboard to Install Melamine Press at Duraflake Plant

Markham, CANADA —Flakeboard announces plans to install its third new melamine press at its Duraflake particleboard plant located in Albany, Oregon. This press installation, scheduled for first quarter 2010 start-up, is the final stage of a melamine expansion plan that began with the purchase of three new presses in 2007.

“We are very eager to offer melamine surfacing to the highly recognized Duraflake® brand. Our customers will have their choice of industry leading fire-rated, moisture resistant, VESTA (NAUF) and a host of other specialty products available with TFM [thermally fused melamine],” stated Kevin Shotbolt, Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

Plant Manager, Dave Leding comments, “This is exciting news for all of us at Duraflake. It represents a significant investment in both our community, and in the stressed Willamette Valley forest products industry. It’s time for some positive news and I am proud that Flakeboard is leading the way by making this major investment in Duraflake’s future.”

This final installation will serve the western regions of Canada and the United States and supply those areas with melamine surfaced Duraflake® and Premier® products from both the Albany particleboard, and Eugene MDF plants, respectively.

Upon completion, this expansion will signify true North American-wide distribution, allowing Flakeboard to continue to expand its product offering, address the unique demands of local markets and service more regions with the broadest composite panel choices in North America.

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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