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Contact Lumber to expand prefinishing capabilities

New lines add to Contact's growing list of capabilities for enhanced and custom products

September 5, 2006, Portland, Ore. – Beginning in 2007, Contact Lumber will add significantly enhanced prefinishing options to its growing list of manufacturing and custom product capabilities. By the end of the first quarter, a new fully automated paint line will be installed at the company's Prineville, Ore. manufacturing facility, enabling Contact to stain and topcoat all products more efficiently and with the higher quality finishes required for commercial and residential architectural projects. Shortly after the first line is installed, Contact will add a UV line, offering environmentally superior coating and curing for their products. The company has had factory-finishing capability for years, but not in a large scale or with UV curing. The new plant improvements add significant capacity to their prefinishing capabilities.

"This line is a huge advantage to builders, designers, architects, and OEMs", said Peter McKibbin, Senior Vice President. "Our current capabilities, combined with the ability to prefinish, results in an endless amount of products that will be available in color consistent, defect-free, long lengths, ready to install with no prep or predrilling. Receive it and install it. It will be as easy as that."

The UV line itself brings a wide range of operating efficiencies and improved product performance. UV cures are spray-applied resulting in excellent coverage of part contours, such as window and door parts, as well as unique custom components. The cure is seamless for complete coverage across the part and the process eliminates VOC emissions, a growing environmental concern.

With UV curing, VOC and HAP emissions are virtually eliminated, the cure is nearly instantaneous, the energy invested is only in the curing reaction, not in heating the finish, and the end result offers superior resistance to scratches and chemicals.

"The UV curing market is growing rapidly because it is a 'clean' technology that increases productivity compared to other traditional methods of curing," says McKibbin. "The addition of a line that will increase efficiencies and meet the growth needs of our clients further strengthens our environmental message."

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Using high-performance machinery and resource-efficient substrates, Contact Lumber extends resources by up to 50 times, compared to solid wood millwork. A block of 5/4 solid hardwood might make a single solid moulding profile, but Contact Lumber can get as many as 50 identical products from that same slicing blank. They achieve this by slicing thin veneers and wrapping those veneers over a profile formed from fingerjointed pine or some other readily available material. Contact's innovative ways mean that 95% of the wood that enters Contact's manufacturing facility leaves as a useable product.

Contact Lumber is where creative engineering and the remarkable properties of wood intersect. Its products are often more affordable than solid wood and they are nearly always a more efficient use of wood resources. The company's enhanced prefinishing capabilities make its products even more sensible.

By utilizing state-of-the-art manufacturing practices and adhering to the highest quality standards in the industry, Contact has earned recognition as a leader in developing new products to meet the demands of the marketplace. Contact Lumber is a major supplier of components to OEMs in the window and door, furniture, and architectural woodworking industries. Contact Lumber specializes in the manufacture of natural wood-wrapped products and components that can be created using virtually any substrate, including metal, vinyl, fiberglass, and wood composite materials.

To find out more, visit www.contactlumber.com or call 800.547.1038.

About Contact Lumber

Based in Portland, Oregon, Contact Lumber has been providing exceptional products and customer service since 1946. The company employs some 600 people in its manufacturing division in Prineville, Ore., providing sophisticated technology, high-volume production capacity, and innovative sales and merchandising support to customers throughout the world. Manufacturing units at Prineville include lamination, moulding, wrapping finishing, and veneer prep, as well as new product development and testing and quality standards. By utilizing state-of-the-art manufacturing practices and adhering to the highest quality standards in the industry, Contact Lumber Company has earned recognition as a leader in developing new products to meet the demands of the marketplace. Contact Lumber prides itself on making products that are good for the environment – there is no formaldehyde added and the company's use of veneers and fingerjointing leverages valuable renewable resources.

