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positive that our industry is making per-sonal and appreciable difference in the lives of thousands of people around the world on Earth Day and everyday.

And, in addition to all these social projects our industry is also quite involved in on-the-ground sustainable forest management. Once again, not talking a good game - but delivering results.

One obvious example is the great work of the Tropical Forest Foundation. IWPA played a lead role in founding this organization in 1990 and many of our members remain active contributors and volunteer leaders. The Tropical Forest Foundation is a leader in educating on the environmental and economic benefits of reduced impact logging.

IWPA members have long been proud of the role they play in providing U.S. workers with jobs from port to highway, producer to distributor, and retailer to end-user. U.S. consumers benefit from a diverse array of choices and reduced cost that imports bring. Wise sustainable management helps forests remain vibrant while providing jobs and goods for generations to come.

But the story doesn't end there. IWPA members are giving back to the international communities that have invited us to share in their resources. Providing essential human and social services, education for children and jobs for workers in desperate need in developing countries is a vital component of going green and something we should all remember on the Earth Days to come.

COAST PACIFIC -

made to order, a sizeable amount is mass produced. "Apart from designs created by our in-house team, some of the items are made according to customer specifications," further Lo explained.

Currently, Lo holds the post of treasurer at the Cebu Furniture Industries Foundation while the company is also a member of Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry as well as the European Chamber of Commerce.

Although a family business, Coast Pacific is unique in that although it is a business that was passed down from father to son, it has a woman at the helm with Lo assuming the post of chief executive officer while her husband is involved on a part-time basis. She is assisted by her eldest son who is chief operations officer.

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BAILLIE -

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in a rush, we'll do anything we can to accommodate them," he said. "We'll get into the warehouse, have a look and let them know if it's possible. And, if it's possible, we'll do it for them.'

To avoid any issues with staining, the company grades everything soon after it arrives, and anything that doesn't make grade is either remanufactured or used in a different market. After kiln drying, all products are graded again.

Don Bradshaw, who has been with Baillie for over 20 years, handles drying for the Cove City yard.

Baillie Lumber primarily sells its exotics to distribution yards in the United States and Canada, in addition to flooring plants and other end users. Bach noted that many customers looking to purchase the new products are existing clients who already purchase domestic hardwoods from Baillie. However, any new customers can expect the same quality products and service those familiar with Baillie have come to expect. The company also prides itself on meeting any customer's most demanding challenges with custom sorts.

"We already have an extensive knowl-

edge and great relationships with the customers that we're dealing with," Bach said. "Adding exotic hardwoods was just a natural fit. As a sales team, we work hard to help customers understand what their needs are, and, whenever possible, to get the specifications that work best for them."

Baillie Lumber actively procures lumber from South America (Brazil, Bolivia, Peru); Central America (Mexico, Guatemala); and Africa (Ghana, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Republic of Democratic Republic of Congo). Congo,

Bach, who has sold exotic hardwoods for over 14 years, travels to Africa, Central and South America several times a year to maintain the company's relationships with suppliers.

"We want to make sure we treat our suppliers as well as we can, and help them grow as we continue to grow our program here," Bach said. "My responsibilities are to procure all of the hardwoods from overseas, and get everything set up for exporting and importing lumber from overseas to the U.S. I have also spent a lot of time with the various departments at Baillie - traffic, accounting, support and sales - in order to help educate them about the imported hardwoods. Especially the sales department at Baillie has really embraced the new imported wood program, and they are doing a really great job at moving this product to both new and existing customers.'

Bryan Swift, who works as assistant yard manager, joins Bach in Cove City. Swift noted that Baillie has recently completed a number of improvements to enhance customer service.

company recently added The PictureTally and a Morris Industrial Corp. grading station. PictureTally, which uses digital pictures for fast, accurate lumber bundle tallies, was installed at all of the firm's lumberyards.

"We have cut the amount of time spent tallying a bundle in half by using Picture-Tally. We will also be upgrading our system to tally one-half foot increments, which is required for some of the import-

ed hardwoods." In Cove City, N.C., Baillie Lumber boasts a drying capacity of over 780,000 board feet, and the company can dry more than 1.2 million board feet of lumber per month.

Swift said the firm recently added an additional 12,000 square foot of dry storage to accommodate the imported hardwoods, and the requirement for just-intime shipments. "It is so important to have everything in stock for our customers when they need it," he said.

In addition, Baillie Lumber has several SII controllers to monitor the 12 dry kilns of various capacities from 25,000 to 120,000 board feet, and a Newman Whitney 282 planer at the Cove City facility. The operation is located on approximately 120 acres of land, of which 20 acres is being utilized, and has 55 employees.

Cove City's inventory of domestic and exotic species, works in concert with Baillie's domestic hardwood yard in Smyrna, N.Y., to proficiently provide these products in the United States, Canada and around the world. The company can ship whole or partial truckloads from both locations.

The exotic hardwoods division will also help expand Baillie's line of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified products under the SmartWood program. "We have many suppliers in South America and Africa that are either already offering certified products or are expecting to be able to within the next six to 12 months," Bach said. "Our facility in Cove City should be certified by the fall of 2008, to supply FSC-certified products.

Bach said the division has grown steadily for the past eight months, and the company expects this to continue for 2008 and beyond. "Baillie is committed to this new exotic hardwood division, and has invested in both the people and resources to grow the business and become an integral part of their portfolio," he said.

James A. Baillie founded Baillie Lumber Co. in 1923, as a one-man brokerage

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firm in Hamburg, N.Y. Don Meyer, who joined Baillie Lumber in 1957, became owner and president following Baillie's retirement in 1963. Today, the company has sawmills or lumberyards in Waterloo, Smyrna and Boonville, N.Y., Leitchfield, Ky., Titusville, Pa., and Donalds, S.C.

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The East Asiatic Co. Ltd. in Copenhagen, Denmark. He worked as assistant lumber manager in EAC's New York office, timber export manager in EAC's Kuala Lumpur office, import manager in EAC's Houston office, and distribution center manager in Madison, Wis. Pedersen has also served as import manager, vice president and president of International Wood Products; president of Swedish Match Industries; and general manager and vice president of Sitco Lumber Co.

Netterville said Hardwoods of America is running smoothly, but is also doing some renovations to the complex in Fayette with hopes to have everything completed by the close of 2008.

"We have six kiln chambers (about 600,000 board feet) running at this time," he said. "We have a great manufacturing facility here with the capability of producing flooring blanks and mouldings, gang rip and surfacing. We have a

Newman 382 planer to surface lumber." Hardwoods of America reconditioned its automated lumber stackers, grading chains and Taylor forklifts. The company also upgraded its chemical feed and water systems, and acquired computerized tally equipment to help keep track of lumber inventories.

"For our own benefit and for the benefit of any of the number of companies for whom we do custom drying, we track inventories constantly and can provide tallies for everything, regardless of whether the lumber is pre-drying, in the kilns or at any other stage of prepara-tion," Rasberry said. "We can give them all the information that they need to know on a daily basis while their lumber is going through the system."

Through the joint efforts of the three partners, Hardwoods of America LLC produces and markets nearly 100 million board feet annually of Red and White Oak, Poplar, Ash, Cottonwood, Cherry, Pecan and Hickory (FAS, No. 1 and No. 2 Common).

Netterville said the company manufactures mostly 4/4 thicknesses, but can adapt to cut whatever the market dictates. He noted that, sooner, rather than later. North American lumber manufacturers will have to change the status quo in the name of survival.

"In our industry, over the next few years, it will not be just about buying logs and cutting and drying lumber," he said. "We're going to have to include ripping and trimming for fixed widths/fixed lengths as well as surfacing and moulding functions for S2S/S4S boards, furniture blanks and house mouldings.

We're going to have to try to get as close to the finished product as possible to make our customers' lives easier and thereby encourage them to buy our products.'

"In the next few months, we're going to face a \$600 per container increase going to Asia," Netterville added. "We certainly can't absorb all of that and our customers can't either. If, however, they can buy a product that is only a few manufacturing steps away from their finished product that would be a wonderful

thing to offer them. I think the ones that survive in our industry during the next decade are going to be the ones that adapt to change.

Netterville said the company ships approximately 400 to 600 overseas containers each year to China, Vietnam, Europe and a few other markets. He noted that Hardwoods of America plans to double that volume in the next year, and "maybe even triple it down the road." The firm generally uses the Port of Mobile, Ala., located approximately 250 miles from Fayette, and the Port of New Orleans, La., about 170 miles from Fayette to ship its products internationally.

Pedersen added, "We currently average 50 to 60 containers a month going to China, particularly in No. 1 and No. 2 Common Red and White Oak. We are developing new business in Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries in species such as White Oak, Ash and Poplar. We are open to custom kiln-drying for other hardwood producers, importers of exotic hardwoods and softwood producers and will be glad to quote our competitive rates upon request.

Hardwoods of America is a member of the American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC) and National Hardwood Lumber Assoc. (NHLA). Bruce Reynolds of Rives & Reynolds serves on the NHLA board of directors, while Netterville is a past board member. Leslie Rutland is a former board member of the Hardwood Manufacturers Assoc.

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kiln drying capacity of 420,000 board feet per charge, thanks to the addition of six American Wood Dryer kilns. Other additions to the Clarendon yard include

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automated grading and stacking operations, and a dry line. Bingaman & Son also utilizes a

240,000-board-foot fan drying shed during the summer months in Clarendon to maintain excellent color in whitewoods such as Hard and Soft Maple. Scott Shaffer, vice president of yard operations, said, "The woods are in the shed for about eight days, and then go directly into the dry kilns. It helps us dry Hard and Soft Maple much whiter than we could without it."

Shaffer added that the company also recently built a 30,500-square-foot steel building on the premises with plans to install a green line and sticking line in the future. Bingaman & Son uses fluted and breeze-dried sticks on all whitewoods.

Shaffer said Bennett has added to the overall success of the Clarendon Division. "Maurice brought a lot of woodworking knowledge," he said. "He has challenged employees to grow outside of their own expected potential. His leadership abilities have been a key factor to this location.'

Bingaman & Son Lumber Inc. manufactures kiln-dried Appalachian hardwood logs, lumber, strips, and dimension for distribution yards, furniture and cabinet manufacturers and small woodworking shops. The company is comprised of two lumberyards in Kreamer and Clarendon, Pa., and two sawmills, Pine Creek Lumber in Mill Hall, Pa., and St. Mary's Lumber in St. Mary's, Pa.

The second generation company was founded in the early 1940s by Carson C. Bingaman, who originally began selling Appalachian hardwoods to anthracite coal mining companies to shore up mine shafts. In 1956, Carson's son, Max, joined the business, which incorporated in 1968. At that time, the firm employed three full-time workers and some parttime help, and shipped 2.5 million board feet of lumber a year.

Today, Bingaman & Son Lumber Inc. has approximately 250 employees, and ships more than 40 million board feet of

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lumber annually. All of Bingaman's facilities are located in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains of Pennsylvania, a region known worldwide for the color and texture of its hardwoods.

In addition to quality, Bingaman & Son is known for catering to its diverse customer base. They have the ability to provide quick shipments in an assortment of species to customers using truckloads or as small as 500 board feet.

"We're very customer oriented," Bennett said. "We have our own fleet of 13 trucks, and when a load goes out, we might have five or six different customers' orders on there as small as 500 feet. Our sales people may call at 2 p.m. and tell me that a customer needs a particular item by the next day. We'll get it right away, and put it on a truck the next morning so that they can deliver it that day."

Bennett added that the firm practices J.I.T. (just-in-time deliveries), and will "jump through hoops" to make sure a customer is satisfied.

Bingaman & Son Lumber Inc. stocks all domestic hardwoods including Red and White Oak, Poplar, Cherry, Ash, Hard and Soft Maple, Birch, Hickory, Basswood and Beech in 4/4 through 8/4 thicknesses, and handles some 10/4 and 12/4 Ash, Poplar and Cherry. Additionally, all of Bingaman's locations are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified allowing the company to offer certified products.

The Clarendon and Kreamer lumberyards each have state-of-the-art lumber handling, drying, inspecting and processing equipment. The locations also offer special sorting for grade, widths and color with quality control throughout the entire drying and grading process. All kiln-dried lumber is also re-graded to ensure customers receive what was requested.

The Clarendon, Pa., location ships more than 10 million board feet of lumber annually, and maintains approximately 3 million board feet of kiln- or air-dried lumber inventory. The Kreamer Division, meanwhile, ships more than 30 million board feet of lumber per year. The firm has 12 dry kilns in Kreamer, which carry a capacity of 800,000 board feet per charge and a 600,000 board feet predryer. The Kreamer facility also recently completed an expansion project that will increase its strips and dimension production.

Bingaman & Son exports its products through the ports in Baltimore, Md., and Philadelphia, Pa. "About 40 percent of our volume is exported in a wide range of products including logs, lumber, strips and cutto-length dimension," Shaffer said. The firm's BING label helps assure customers that they are receiving consistent quality in every product they order. Shaffer added that the company's two

Shaffer added that the company's two sawmills, Pine Creek and St. Mary's, manufacture around 20 percent of the wood Bingaman & Son needs for production, with the remainder purchased from surrounding sawmills. The two mills utilize locally grown timber, modern manufacturing techniques and proprietary information systems to provide a consistent product.

The corporate officers of Bingaman & Son Lumber include Max Bingaman as president; Chris Bingaman as vice president of sales and marketing; and Dean Heintzelman as executive vice president. Besides Bennett and Shaffer, the leadership group includes Brad Bingaman as director of domestic sales; John Dunkelberger as director of sawmill operations; Tim Faust as vice president of manufacturing; Ritchie Heintzelman as director of maintenance; Scott Hurst as chief financial officer; Mike Meiser as director of lumber procurement; Dave Whitten as director of export sales; and Mike Worrell as director of human resources.

Additionally, the company believes its success is a direct result of the dedicated employees throughout its organization. That is why several years ago Bingaman became an Employee Stock Ownership Company (ESOP), making every full-time employee a part-owner. "Philosophically, it fit the owners' view of sharing success with their employees," Shaffer said.

Bingaman & Son Lumber is a member of the National Hardwood Lumber Assoc., Penn-York Lumbermen's Club, Hardwood Manufacturers Assoc., Keystone Kiln Dryers Assoc., Pennsylvania Forest Products Assoc., American Hardwood Export Council, Keystone Wood Products Assoc. and the Wood Components Manufacturers Assoc. "Great finishes start here' is our company's motto, and our employees at every location work very hard to see that our customers know it is more than just a motto, it's a promise in which they can put their trust." Shaffer said.

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business for Highland. His name was Tyler Carter.

"Tyler decided to work with us recently and he is a U.S. citizen that wanted to live in Asia," Redmond said. "Furthermore, Tyler can read, write and speak Chinese fluently; and, just as important, he wanted to go to work selling hardwood lumber to customers he develops in several Far Eastern countries."

Redmond went on to say, "It's a large advantage for Highland Hardwood Sales Inc. to have someone like Carter on the ground in Asia that is able to speak Chinese and does not require an interpreter." "We had him here in Augusta for a little

"We had him here in Augusta for a little over two months and we tried to expose him in that short period of time to everything that we could," Redmond said. "We took him on tours through furniture, flooring and cabinet manufacturing plants, and we visited other operations like hardwood lumber concentration yards and sawmill facilities too. Carter also attended a three-day lumber grading short course. We tried to get him exposed to as many facets of the hardwood lumber industry as possible so he could communicate with the lumber terminology with Asian buyers when he got over there.

On May 30, 2007, Highland Hardwood Sales Inc. officially opened its sister company, called Highland International Marketing and Development, in Singapore, where Carter is now living and working.

"We have already shipped containers over there and are in the process of writing up

more business," Redmond said. He went on to say, "Our international company will have the same core philosophy that we have here domestically with Highland Hardwood Sales Inc., which is: we want to service our customers in such a fashion that they will not only want to be repeat customers, but we can form close personal relationships and business partnerships with them. And in order to do that, we understand that you have to 'earn your spurs.' You've got to prove yourself to those Asian customers. That's all we're asking is to get a chance to prove ourselves. I think we're doing that every working dav."

Domestically, Highland Hardwood is a wholesale lumber firm that markets Appalachian, Northern and Southern hardwood lumber (green and/or kiln dried) throughout North America.

"We're continuing to service our customers in the domestic market," Redmond said. "In fact, Brad Merry, Hugh Pickett, Robbie Parrott and Mike Fleming are all focusing their efforts on continuing to serve our domestic lumber customers. Recently, my main responsibility has changed to helping Tyler in any way I can to expand our export markets. As our export market expands, it will take the entire team to accomplish our goals. It appears that time has come."

Since Highland has established its export lumber operation, Redmond has seen that a number of Highland's sawmill suppliers, as well as some of its domestic customers such as yards, have approached Highland and said they would like to partner with them internationally.

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ments on what their company is doing to compete, their technological needs, and their outlook for the future. These panelists included: Chris Watson, Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp.; Harvey Stevens, JM Champeau Inc.; Sam Stoltzfus, Keystone Wood Specialties, Inc.; and Barry Thomas, Masco Building Cabinet Group/Merillat. The Forum was moderated by WCMA Executive Director Steve Lawser and sponsored by the WCMA and Phil Bibeau, Executive Director of the Wood Products Manufacturers Association.

A series of concurrent workshops were conducted on a wide variety of topics. Workshop leaders and their topics included: Economic Forecasting and the China Influence, presented by Alan Beaulieu of The Institute for Trend Research; What the Bleep Did You Say?, presented by Dr. Judith Briles of The Briles Group, Inc.; Effective Ways to Immediately Improve Your Bottom Line, presented by Bob Langdon, author of "Managing Your Business For Profit"; Achieving A Millionaire Mindset, presented by Richard Flint; Value Engineering, presented by John Kline of IMEC.

A Public Policy Forum, conducted by John Satagaj, gave delegates an update on key legislative and regulatory issues of concern to the woodworking industry and insights on the fall elections. The Contact Table Program was a unique opportunity for WCMA members to meet with woodworking machinery and equipment manufacturers and distributors to get an update on their latest technology. The purpose of the Woodworking Industry

The purpose of the Woodworking Industry Conference is to bring a wide variety of representatives from the woodworking industry together for educational, networking and business opportunities. This is the only industry-wide conference for the woodworking industry and WCMA members learn new ideas for their businesses. Other associations in the industry are invited to further expand the scope of this conference to make it a true industry-wide event.

The WCMA represents over 150 manufacturers of dimension and wood component products for the cabinet, furniture, millwork, flooring, building products, and related decorative wood product industries. These products are made from hardwoods, softwoods, and engineered wood materials. Member companies are located throughout the United States and Canada. For more information, contact any of the sponsoring associations or the WCMA at (770) 565-6660 or visit the WCMA's website at <u>www.woodcomponents.org</u>.

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Lumber is produced in all thicknesses, from 4/4 to 16/4.

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capacity of 500,000 board feet. Two million board feet of kiln-dried storage is on the property, along with covered green lumber storage of 2.5 million board feet and over 1 million board feet of log vard storage

million board feet of log yard storage. Wheeland manufactures 3 million board feet through the secondary manufacturing facility, which continues to grow with the ever-changing industry. The operation includes sorting and crosscutting of special lengths and widths, S2S planing, straightline and gang ripping with two KF 24 glue line gangs equipped with a PAUL Saws Systems optimizing infeed and a and Weinig OptiCut 200 exact crosscut saw. Mouldings are produced through the Weinig Powermat 1000 six-head, 12,000-RPM spindles and also through a Wadkin K-23 six-head moulder. Other additional products include edge and face-glued products, as well as end-matched components and flooring through Friulmac Randomat.

The company has two AFS wood-waste boilers to heat the nine dry kilns and over 100,000 square feet of manufacturing area. The employees work in a warm environment and equipment runs efficiently in the winter months. With the high energy prices, this has saved the company thousands of dollars in fuel savings.

Wheeland added that the company is a member of the National Hardwood Lumber Assoc., Hardwood Manufacturers Assoc., Wood Components Manufacturers Assoc., Pennsylvania Forest Products Assoc., Penn-York Lumbermen's Club, Wood Products Manufacturing Assoc., American Hardwood Export Council, International Wood Products Assoc., the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania and SmartWood FSC-COC certification. The firm will display at the IWF Atlanta Aug. 20-23 in Building B, Booth 4653.

Wheeland Lumber Co. employs 75 fulltime employees and an additional 20 subcontractors. Many of the workforce at the facility have been with the company for over 20 years. "Our success is attributed to our employees and key personnel," Wheeland said.

Ray Wheeland handles the majority of international sales. Bill Baker handles domestic, international and dimension sales. Fourth generation sons, Damen Wheeland handles veneer and log sales, and lumber purchasing, and Derek Import/Export Wood Purchasing News

Wheeland handles domestic, international and dimension sales.

"Marketing products to end users, distribution yards, kitchen cabinet manufacturers, furniture and flooring operations, we inventory for the customer," Wheeland said. "Because of this diversification, we pride ourselves in maintaining and nourishing business relationships by always striving to meet the needs of our customers and going that extra mile to deliver a product that exceeds expectations."

Exporting has been beneficial to WLC in a number of ways. Throughout the years, it has stimulated the growth of the company, which in turn, has helped the local economy by hiring more people to join the workforce. "Where would we be without the opportunity or the resources to export," Wheeland asked. "Exporting gives you a sense of pride that your product is being used by people worldwide, and it came from our own natural resources here in the state of Pennsylvania."

Wheeland added, "The Wheeland/WLC name is well-known domestically and internationally because of our reputation to service our customers with the best quality products, service and constant communication. Without that commitment of service, we would not be a top competitor in the marketplace today."

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Guyana

According to a report by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Guyana's furniture exports recently posted a 30 percent month-to-month increase in value. ITTO said a significant part of the rise can be attributed to an increase in outdoor and garden furniture exports in the United Kingdom.

As of press time, outdoor and garden furniture exports to the United Kingdom were

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expected to continue to rise throughout the summer months.

The International Tropical Timber Organization is an intergovernmental organization promoting the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources. Its 60 members represent about 80 percent of the world's tropical forests and 90 percent of the global tropical timber trade.

Komi

Ivan Stukanov, regional minister of economic development for the Republic of Komi, recently announced that the investments in the country would total U.S. \$16.8 billion up to 2020. Komi is currently implementing 40 large-scale investment projects in the timber, fuel and energy, metalworking and engineering industries.

Stukanov said the timber-related industries would be in focus until 2020. The republic has prepared about 20 large projects including the restructuring of Syktyvkar industrial timber facilities and building of two pulp and paper mills. Timber house construction projects are also being considered.

Honduras

According to recent estimates, furniture exports from Honduras to the United States dropped to \$5.4 million in 2007, down 9 percent from the \$6 million report-ed in 2005. However, Honduras remains an important source for such companies as Laneventure, Hooker Furniture and Nichols & Stone.

Laneventure boasts a factory in San Pedro Sula, which sources aluminum frame seating, dining tables and occasional made with a synthetic vinyl weave. Leroy Harris, import logistic coordinator for the company, said Honduras has much shorter lead times than Asia. Product takes roughly eight to 10 days to get from Honduras to the company's Conover, N.C., warehouse, while it takes 28 days from Asia.

Tuck Nichols, president and chief executive officer of Nichols & Stone, said prices aren't as low as from China, but lead times are about half the amount of time than for goods coming from China. He can also get to the factory a lot more quickly than he can traveling to Asia.

While the country faces increases in costs for things like finishes and other raw materials, Lane, Hooker and Nichols & Stone plan to stay in Honduras given its skilled work force and ability to work with various woods and finishing processes

Indonesia

According to the Indonesia Ministry of Trade, Indonesia's exports to European Free Trade Assoc. (EFTA) countries will jump 12 percent in 2008. Due to the slowing U.S. economy and weak Japanese markets, Indonesian plywood manufactur-ers are eager to expand their marketshare in Middle East countries, especially the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Alternative markets are also being sought due to falling real estate prices in major Chinese cities over the last six months. Some Indonesian politicians are considering the establishment of a timber trade promotion center in the UAE, modeled after the Malaysian Timber Council's center in Dubai.

Brazil

According to recent reports, Brazil furniture shipments to the United States fell 10 percent in 2007 to \$321 million, while overall furniture shipments from other parts of the world to Brazil rose 2 percent. Brazil's wood shipments dropped 21 percent last year to \$156.2 million.

Industrial officials say the main problem is the value of the Brazilian real against the weakening U.S. dollar. The U.S. dollar recently purchased 1.69 real, compared to 2.63 on the same date in 2005, a decline of 35 percent.

Thanks to a strong Brazilian economy the furniture industry is growing and factories are investing money in their facilities. Stewart Paul, president of case goods importer Primex, has sourced out of Brazil for the past 35 years and notes the currency situation. "The currency is the major issue - the change in that has been very dramatic," he said

Sweden

The Swedish government recently

announced a new forest policy to increase growth in Swedish forests. Sweden wants to grow the forests because they play an increasingly important role in preventing climate change, and there is a growing demand for wood for producing bioenergy and biofuel.

Christer Segerstéen, president of the Swedish Federation of Forest Owners, said that forest owners support the government's plan to invest in forest growth for securing the future raw material supply. In 2007, Swedish forest owners started their own campaign, Kraftsamling skog, which aims to increase growth and profitability in family forestry.

Today, forestry and the forestry industry in Sweden provides 90,000 jobs. Exports of wood and wood-based products amounted to 13 billion Euro in 2006, and the demand for wood-based products continues to increase. Production of biofuel has also increased the demand for wood as a raw material.

Peru

U.S. based furniture importers and manufacturers are facing challenges in Peru where the strengthening of the Peruvian nuevo sol has devalued the dollar by more than 15 percent over the past two years. The weakening of the U.S. dollar has contributed to rising prices by an average of 5 to 6 percent each year for some companies. However, that price pressure is offset in most cases by adding value to the product where possible.

Peninsula Home Collection, a case goods importer, has sourced wood from Peru for more than 11 years, and receives 100 percent of its upper middle-priced line of case goods from the country. Gonzalo Alonso, the firm's founder and president, said workers in Peru are very skilled in produc-

ing sophisticated hand-painted designs. Alonso noted that Peru is home to such valuable species as Peruvian Oak and other varieties related to Mahogany. It also has reclaimed varieties of Hard Pine found in old buildings. However, the devaluation of the U.S. dollar has caused Peninsula and other companies to look to Honduras, Ecuador and other neighboring countries for sourcing.

France

French forestry experts expect the country

to grow its production in 2008 due to grow-

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ing demand in Oak and Beech. Jean François Guilbert, managing director of the French Timber Council, said Oak trade with the United Kingdom remains "very important," even if its marketshare is reducing. However, he noted currencyrelated challenges.

"From 2008, it's going to be pretty hard competition in the United Kingdom," he said. "Because of the U.S. dollar, there is going to be more and more U.S. lumber, and we cannot afford to compete with that.' Oak log exports were down due to strong demand on the French market, especially for the flooring and construction industries. Beech log and lumber demand is also increasing due to the lack of other species available in such huge availability.

Guilbert said log exports to China are a major concern to French sawmills, especially at a time of national and European strong demand. Combined with higher log prices, sawmills are finding it difficult to pass on the necessary price rise on lumber.

Japan

According to a report by the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, new housing starts in 2007 dropped 17.8 percent from the previous year to just over 1.06 million units, the lowest annual total since 1967

The report noted that a revision last summer of building standards delayed the processing of construction and contributed to the declining demand for new homes. As a result, imports of American hardwood sawn lumber such as Tulipwood and White Ash, commonly used for interior applications, have decreased. Imports of Walnut and Cherry logs have increased, however, thanks to the continuing demand for highend furniture. Walnut and Cherry logs are processed in Japan into furniture and interior parts and fittings.

Some industry experts anticipate a rebound in demand for housing by the second quarter of this year.

Mexico

According to recent reports, Mexico slipped to the No. 4 spot on the top furniture source countries for the United States in 2007, posting \$1.14 billion in furniture

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exports. However, the country became the largest foreign market for U.S. treated lumber during 2007. Mexican imports of treated lumber from the United States increased over 219 percent to 48.2 million board feet, the largest volume on record. While losing its furniture footing to Vietnam, Mexico is still important for a number of U.S. importers and manufacturers including Martin Furniture, which operates a plant in Otay, Mexico. The 150,000-square-foot leased facility manufactures home office and home entertainment products in Cherry and Oak veneers and Oak and hardwood solids. At full capacity, the plant can produce as much as \$30 million in goods a year.

The proximity of the plant to the U.S. market is another advantage. Within a year, the company hopes to have all of its Mexican-made products in stock and able to ship in five to 10 days.

Southeast Asia

According to published reports, shipments of American hardwood sawn lumber increased more than 18 percent throughout most of 2007, at a value of U.S. \$94.7 million As of press time, final figures were not yet available.

The market in Vietnam posted a gain of 53 percent through the first three quarters, roughly U.S. \$47 million worth of lumber shipments. The country also imported U.S. \$19 million worth of hardwood logs. The Philippines (40 percent) and Malaysia (21 percent) posted the second and third largest rates of growth in lumber shipments. Meanwhile, Thailand and Indonesia reported losses.

Shipments of hardwood veneer to Southeast Asian markets was also reduced, indicating that veneer production may be shifting into the region as its veneer slicing capacity grows.

China

Increased Oak demand in China and other Asian countries could make the species unavailable on the European market within the next 10 years, according to a report by the European Organization of the Sawmill Industry (EOS).

EOS said European hardwood log exports have soared due to Asian demand, with total export tonnage for 2007 up some 80 percent over 2004. More than 1 million metric tons of hardwood logs were exported in 2006. China bought 53 percent of those logs, and had a 52 percent marketshare of Oak log exports. Those numbers were expected to rise when final 2007 figures were totaled.

EOS said the combined effect of growing log exportation, shortage of logs in Europe and unfair competition due to low-price Chinese semi-finished products such as plywood and parquet is constraining the European woodworking industries.

In related news, Zhan Zhijun, director of the Guangdong Forest Products Industry Assoc., recently announced wood prices will rise in the next three to five years, greatly impacting downstream building material and paper making enterprises. The rise in prices can be attributed to the shortage of supply expected in the province following the effects of severe winter weather.

United States

According to published reports, U.S. softwood log exports to overseas destinations reached 4.23 million cubic meters in 2007, up 16 percent from the previous year and the highest volume reported since 2000. The increase in softwood log exports follows the upward trend of U.S. offshore exports of softwood lumber, oriented strand board, treated lumber and other wood products last year.

wood products last year. Favorable currency exchange rates and falling domestic demand likely led to the increase. Curtailments among North American sawmills also reduced domestic demand for logs, allowing for larger volumes offshore.

While U.S. log exports to Canada decreased 21 percent, shipments to Mexico more than doubled to 110,000 cubic meters. Japan posted its first backto-back increase since 1999, and shipments to Korea also gained for the third consecutive year. Exports to China increased for the fourth consecutive year. Douglas Fir was the dominant species shipped to Japan, while most of the volume shipped to Korea was Western Hemlock. Spruce remained the most common species exported to China.

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LAKE STATES

Sources in the Lake States region describe the current state of the lumber business as "pretty tough," noting Hard Maple and Walnut are among the toughest species to sell.

A Michigan lumber manufacturer said companies have been forced to "beg, grovel and steal" to move Hard and Soft Maple. "It's really the worst I've seen it in 12 years," he said, adding that Red Oak and Aspen still seem to be moving steadily

still seem to be moving steadily. The source added, "It will probably be the third or fourth quarter of 2009 before business really picks up. Until then, we've just got to keep working hard to make sure our customers are happy."

An Ohio wholesaler said his firm's lumber sales are down roughly 20 percent year-todate. While a significant decline, he said others have suffered even greater losses. "We've had lower log inventories because of wet weather, and some companies have even decreased production due to the high cost of diesel fuel," he said. "I don't see any

cost of diesel fuel," he said. "I don't see any significant changes for 2008, and I don't know how long it will go." The contact said White Oak and Ash are

the highest performing species, while it's been a struggle to move Cherry and Walnut. "Business has been slow the last couple weeks, but it's started to pick back up again thanks to the building season."

Home Sales, Prices Generally Down In Lake States

According to the recent Federal Reserve Board's "Beige Book," a summary of commentary on current economic conditions, housing markets and home construction remained "sluggish" throughout most of the nation, with sales activity generally reported to be declining in the Minneapolis District. Meanwhile, the Chicago District noted slack demand and excess inventoImport/Export Wood Purchasing News

ries, despite some recent pickup in traffic and buyer inquiries.

The Cleveland District noted some stabilization in home prices.

The pace of construction in the Chicago District slowed from the previous reporting period. Existing projects were moving forward, but new projects were being delayed or cancelled. Residential development and construction continued to fall, although the rate of decline slowed in some district states. Housing demand remained weak, apart from some gains in high-end and custom-built homes. However, inquiries were reported to have increased, particularly among first-time homebuyers.

Commercial construction continued at a steady pace in the Minneapolis District. A commercial builder in Minnesota and Wisconsin said retail and office construction was steady, but light industrial and infrastructure construction was slow. On the residential side, construction was slow with permits down in Rochester, Minn.

New-Home Sales Down In Lake States

According to a recent report by the Commerce Dept. new single-family home sales recently dropped 6.4 percent in the Lake States region. Nationwide, sales fell 1.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 590,000 units. This sales pace was nearly 30 percent below a year earlier and down by 58 percent from the peak in July 2005.

"Builders have been pulling out all the stops to sell homes and narrow the supply of units on the market," said Sandy Dunn, president of the National Assoc. of Home Builders (NAHB). Added David Seiders, NAHB chief economist, "Our latest member surveys confirm that builders have seen an improvement in the number of prospective buyers who are visiting model homes, and consumer attitudes toward home buying have perked up in recent months."

On a positive note, the inventory of new homes dropped 2.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted 471,000 units. However, the supply of units at the current sales pace remained unchanged at 9.8 months and the median length of time that completed

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homes were on the market rose to 7.2 months.

In related news, residential contractors in the Cleveland, Ohio, area reported new home sales as "flat to up slightly," according to the Federal Reserve Board's "Beige Book." Almost all contacts affirmed that traffic has picked up, but they were unable to translate it into sales. The report noted that homebuilders believe 2008 sales will be similar to those in 2007, with a slight pickup anticipated toward the end of the year.

American Chestnuts Returning To Ohio

A partnership of researchers, forestry organizations and volunteers recently planted over 100 disease-resistant American Chestnut seedlings on a reclaimed strip mine site in Wayne National Forest in Southeastern Ohio. The group planned to plant more than 600 more throughout the spring.

The American Chestnut was nearly wiped out by blight that killed an estimated 4 billion trees in the eastern United States in the early 20th century. The naturally surviving trees are still vulnerable to the fungus. However, through years of crossbreeding with the disease-resistant Chinese Chestnut, researchers have developed a blight-resistant American Chestnut.

Leading the initiative are workers and volunteers from the Wayne National Forest, American Chestnut Foundation's Ohio Chapter, Ohio University's Department of Environmental and Plant Biology and researchers from the U.S. Forest Research Lab.

SOUTHEAST

According to sources in the Southeast, winter storms and high shipping prices are dealing big blows to lumber manufacturers in the region. A North Carolina lumber manufacturer said his most trying issues are freight costs and container availability.

"We maybe could get 30 or 40 more dollars out of the lumber we produce, but we're having to apply that to freight," he said. "It's affecting shipments and pricing, and putting more pressure on the mills that are already struggling."

The source said he believes more mills will have to shut down in order for the ship to be righted.

"When you go from 2 million housing starts to 1 million housing starts, something has to change," he said. "Something has to happen on the supply side to tighten this market up." The contact noted that Red Oak is picking

The contact noted that Red Oak is picking up in certain thicknesses and grades, while Poplar continues to struggle. "Pricing is getting worse," he said. "There's no way you can dry and grade No. 2 Common Poplar, ship it to Asia and make any money."

An Arkansas lumber manufacturer said a combination of the struggling housing market and related industries such as furniture and cabinetry have contributed to the overall decline in the lumber business.

"Flooring was holding its own, but even it has slowed down now," he said. "We've received over 15 inches more rain than normal and are out of logs. We're selling what little we have that is on the yard drying. We're moving kiln-dried logs pretty decent, but cheap."

Existing-Home Sales Could Rise This Year

According to the latest forecast by the National Assoc. of Realtors (NAR), existing-home sales will likely show little change over the next few weeks, before improving notably during the second half of the year.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the market would come into clearer focus this summer. "Existing home sales could start to show a sustained increase within a few months, unless there are some additional economic problems or excessive inflationary pressure," he said. "We're looking for essentially stable sales in the near term, before higher mortgage loan limits translate into more sales in high-cost markets. The wider access to affordable credit should increase sales activity notably this summer as pent-up demand begins to be met."

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contracts signed, declined 5.5 percent in the Southeast to 85, down 30.3 percent yearto-date. Nationwide, the PHSI slipped 1.9 percent to 84.6, 21.4 percent lower than the 107.6 reported in 2007.

Yun noted that there would continue to be wide variations in regional housing market conditions. "Some parts of the country that can expect improvement include the oilpatch states of Louisiana and Arkansas," he said.

Louisiana Parishes Among Fastest Growing Counties

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, two Louisiana parishes, St. Bernard and Orleans, recently topped the list of the fastest-growing counties in the country in 2007. St. Bernard, the county next to New Orleans, posted a 42.9 percent population jump, while Orleans, which includes New Orleans, reported a 13.8 percent increase. While the number of people involved is small (approximately 35,000 new residents), it is significant because it shows former Louisiana residents are returning home.

"St. Bernard, pound-for-pound, was more gravely devastated than just about anywhere else in New Orleans," said Jon Luther, executive vice president of the Home Builders Assoc. of Greater New Orleans. "There had been 68,000 people living there and about 20,000-odd housing units. (Only about) three homes went unscathed."

Other Southeastern counties making the top 10 included: Flagler, Fla. (7.2 percent); Forsyth, Ga. (7.2 percent); Union, N.C. (7.2 percent); Jackson, Ga. (6.7 percent) and Paulding, Ga. (6.7 percent). For a complete list, visit www.census.gov.

Georgia Forest Among 2008 At-Risk Projects

A Georgia forest vital for wildlife and cultural resources recently received part of a \$54 million grant by the U.S. Forest Service to permanently protect 35 working forests across 32 states. Other Southeastern states with projects funded for Fiscal Year 2008 include Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

"The Forest Legacy Program conserves open space which allows us to respond to climate change, improves water quality and flows, and connects children to nature," said Gail Kimbell, Forest Service chief. "The strength of the Forest Legacy Program is the cooperation between states, partners and private landowners all working together to protect environmentally and economically important forests that are threatened by conversion." The Forest Legacy Program is the only

The Forest Legacy Program is the only federal grant program focused on the permanent protection of important private forestland. The program promotes voluntary land conservation by operating on the principle of "willing buyer, willing seller."

The Forest Legacy Program uses a national competitive process to select the most ecologically and socially important, threatened and strategic projects. The program consistently affects more than 50-percent non-federal match of funds to improve water quality and flows, climate change and to connect children to nature. Each project needs to be at least 75-percent forested, comply with federal appraisal standards, and complete a multi-resource forest management plan.

WEST COAST

Sources on the West Coast consider business to be a challenge, citing struggles with profit margins and credit issues.

A California wholesaler said he isn't seeing "all doom and gloom" in the marketplace. "Business is out there and all is not for naught," he said. "But, we're continually having to reinvent the wheel with every order, and that makes it difficult."

The source said there is room for optimism, but he doesn't expect the situation to change quickly.

"We have to get the November elections behind us, and a clear definition of where we're going," he said. "More than anything, we need a healthier dollar. As a distributor, we import more than we export, and the

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weakness of the dollar has caused us tremendous grief."

The contact added that the once "hot" White Oak and Walnut have started to soften up, and Red Oak continues to be difficult. "Surprisingly, Birch lumber has tightened up, and we're starting to see prices moving upward," he said.

An Oregon wholesaler said he "feels pret-ty fortunate" that his company's lumber sales are only off about 10 percent despite

the sluggish economy. "I'm not anticipating any great turnaround yet," he said. "I honestly don't see much of a turnaround until summer 2009. It's an election year, and historically, the market is off in an election year and the hardwood lumber business is not any different."

The source said that when it comes to purchasing, his firm is "buying for what we need, not what we think we'll need."

"Inventory is not moving that fast, and there's no reason to really project out too far," he said. "The challenge we face is managing our company to the business that we have today. If you can't take care of your business today, you won't be around tomorrow to do it."

BUSINESS TRENDS (CANADA)

ONTARIO

Tremendous effort is being exerted to maintain new business, and established customer relationships are not guaranteed to produce orders, comment contacts in the industry. The ones who can immediately ship determine who gets orders. Sawmillers are reporting tight cash flow, as they are carrying large inventories neces-sary to fulfill secondary manufacturers' short term needs. Fuel and delivery costs are also affecting the trucking industry in the province, as these costs are almost impossible to pass on to the customer. Fewer trucks have been reported as available to transport logs and other products. Upper grades supplies of Aspen are marginally adequate to satisfy the demand. Hard Maple supplies of green stocks have been more than sufficient to satisfy buyers needs and are readily meeting demand. Soft Maple demand from the cabinet sector is reported to be down as well. Soft Maple is competing against imported species for marketshare. With total consumption down, prices for 4/4 Number 1 Common have trended lower.

Earlier in the year and up until recently, White Oak has been the bright spot for several sawmills. Some have exported this species overseas, especially the kiln-dried Number 1 Common and Better grades. Available supply remains steady, and supports the current market demand.

The Ontario Finance Minister tabled his budget in late March. Businesses were hoping for much needed tax cuts, which unfortunately, did not materialize. The modest tax measures for business, in fact, did little to satisfy neither the Federal Minister nor the businesses. The budget focused on spending for transit and other infrastructure projects (\$1 billion), and \$334 million for skills training for fiscal year ending March 31st. The budget, it is reported, includes a \$600 million "buffer," in the event that decline further revenues forecast. The capital tax, however, has been eliminated retroactive to January 1, 2007, a year earlier than initially planned. This will provide \$190 million in rebates for manufacturers. The province is also granting a 10-year tax holiday to new companies that commercially produce products developed at research institutions. The \$750 million in business tax relief promised over the next four years is a fraction of the \$12.7 billion in corporate tax that the government collected this year, yet will be welcomed by struggling manufacturers. The budget announced a new Skills to Job Action Plan, broad measures aimed at closing the skills gap. Measures include expanding apprenticeship training, aid for laid-off workers to go back to school and funds for colleges to purchase modern equipment on which to train them. The plan also includes funding worth \$334 million that will be used for one-off measures. These include \$200 million to help universities repair buildings, a new \$25 million school of international studies at the University of Toronto, close to \$53 million for training to the automotive and manufacturing sector, and millions to encourage young people to study science. This follows money just recently directed to colleges and universities in the amount of \$464 million. The government's skill plan is \$355 million over three years to enable 20,000 laid off workers to enroll in one or two-year training programs. The program will be operating by June and workers who have been laid off in the past year will be eligible. About one quarter of the skills spending outlined in the budget and last fall's fiscal update will come from federal funds directed to the province.

Companies will be required to reduce the emission of toxic chemicals over an unspecified period of time under new legislation. The budget pledged \$41 million over four years for toxic legislation and to develop a toxic reduction strategy. The Ministry of Environment will work with Economic Development and Research and Innovation to initiate strategies to reduce industry's reliance on toxic substances.

QUEBEC

Quebec and Appalachian area mills and wholesalers are struggling to attract and maintain new customers. Even the longstanding customer base is not a guarantee for orders these days. This is seen for kilndried FAS Red Oak, according to comments received from the industry. The demand is well below the supply to absorb the total production.

Some report that slower payments from customers are restricting their cash flow. The high fuel prices are also causing concerns throughout the industry. Trucking companies have been unable to pass these costs along at the rate they have been incurred, and have therefore had to cut their fleets. Some overseas shippers indicated they are experiencing delays waiting to receive containers, while ocean freight costs have risen dramatically as well. Delays are attributed to the lack of fewer goods arriving from Asia and other supplier markets.

The slow housing market is restricting the Oak strip flooring industry. Manufacturers have reduced their production, and are still pressed to keep developing supplies moved out.

Suppliers are seeking available production of Ash, as wet weather tightened its supply earlier in the year.

Use of Red Oak is down reported contacts. Curbed sawmill production has seen supplies fairly well balanced with buyers' needs, and prices are stable. Shipments of kiln-dried Number 1 Common have improved to a degree in terms of volumes, but prices are mixed.

White Oak demand has tapered off somewhat, and in Europe especially, where there is increased competition from Asian suppliers. Poplar is also seeing a decline in demand both on the domestic and international markets. This is due to the slowdown in the U.S. housing market.

The slowing U.S. economy is taking a toll on the industry. Several more companies have reduced their hours, or shutdown a shift. Unfortunately for some, they have had to close their doors

The wooden pallet and container manufacturers have also been affected by the U.S. recession. Sawmill production has decreased, keeping the supply and demand and prices on an even keel. Activity for crossties is varied according to area contacts. Some are pursuing developing production, while others are controlling their purchases.





The government of Canada announced recently along with representatives of the Nature Conservancy of Canada the purchase and preservation of land in West Quebec in the Ottawa Valley. The pur-chase is part of the government of Canada's \$225 million Nature Conservancy of Canada Natural Area Conservation Program, announced in March 2007 by Prime Minister Harper. The land, 1,455 acres, will help to protect the environment, local wildlife and their habitat.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) announced that March 2008 housing starts, at 254,700 units, were down slightly from 255,600 units in February. For the first quarter of 2008, actual starts, in rural and urban areas combined, were up about 12.8 percent compared to the same period last year. This strong showing is largely due to construc-tion of multiple family dwellings, particular-

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ly condominiums. CMHC predicts the housing market will moderate gradually throughout 2008. Urban starts edged down by 0.4 percent to 221,500 units in March. Urban multiples were up 1.1 percent to 141,000 units, while singles decreased 2.9 percent to 80,500 units. Rural starts were estimated at an annual rate of 33,200 units in March.

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Alexandria, Louisiana-RoyOMartin, headquartered here, recently

completed the first part of the sale of its Le Moyen, La., hardwood sawmill, 10,000 acres of hardwood timberland, and 20-year harvesting rights on an additional 138,000 acres of hardwood timberland to The Forestland Group LLC (TFG) of Chapel Hill, N.C.

RoyOMartin will retain ownership of the surface and mineral rights, and will monitor timber harvesting to ensure continued compliance with approved harvesting methods of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

TFG currently manages more than 3 million acres of timberlands in 20 states, Canada and Central America for institutional investors. A fund controlled by TFG also owns Anderson-Tully Co., including its hardwood sawmill complex in Vicksburg, Miss. TFG emphasizes naturally regenerated hardwood and Pine forests and the strategic production of valuable saw timwhich is complementary to RoyOMartin's historical forest management practices. TFG is a certified resource manager under the FSC.

The LeMoyen, La., sawmill produces some 50 million board feet per year of hardwood and Pine lumber, serving both the domestic and international markets. The sawmill currently employs approxi-mately 200 employees, including site management, which TFG plans to retain.

Casco, Maine-Hancock Lumber's three Eastern White Pine sawmills and six retail locations recently earned Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) chain-of-custody certification. With the certification, Hancock Cos., based here, is now entirely FSC certified from their timberlands, to their Eastern White Pine sawmills, to the Pine in their retail locations across the state.

Hancock Lumber is one of only a small handful of companies across the United States to achieve this high standard from forest floor to retail floor - and the only company in the Northeast to achieve this distinction.

"We are very pleased that Hancock Lumber has made the commitment to FSC certification through their entire supply chain," said Katie Miller, communications director for FSC-US. "Although their lands have been under the FSC certification system for many years, they will now be able to offer finished products to their customers with the FSC label.

One major advantage of the "triple certification" is that Hancock is in control of the whole process. It now grows its own FSC-

Charles Wesley Robinson in Meridian, Miss., in 1893. Today, the firm is run by the fourth generation of the Robinson family, and boasts multiple U.S. locations as well as five locations in Central and South America and Europe.

Greensboro, North Carolina-Charlie Lancaster recently joined Tradelink

Wood Products Inc., headquartered here, in quality control and sales. In his position,

Lancaster often travels to Savannah, Ga., and to the Port of New Jersey to check and make his sure firm's Brazilian and/or African hardwoods are on grade. He also compares the information he has on sheets to make

sure all the bundles **Charlie Lancaster** of imported lumber,

flooring, decking, dimension and/or other forest products are all accounted for when they arrive at the port.

Lancaster was born and raised in High Point, N.C., and received a bachelor's degree in emergency management while attending Western Carolina University for four years, which is located in Cullowhee, N.C. He followed his father, Walt Lancaster, into the business. Walt Lancaster is a 30-year veteran of the forest products industry, and currently works in sales for Tradelink as well.

Although Lancaster grew up around the lumber industry, working at Tradelink is the first forest products company he has worked with. Lancaster said his duties include visiting purchasing agents to help him and his company to become better known, and increasing sales for his com-

pany. Tradelink Wood Products Inc. is a division of the Tradelink International Group, which is headquartered in London, England. The firm has trading offices in the United States, United Kingdom, China, France, Holland, Malaysia, Portugal/Spain, Singapore and South Africa.

Tradelink has a 24-acre manufacturing facility in Ananindeau, Brazil, which exports TEX-branded products around the world, and has 15 dry kilns, two flooring and decking lines, extensive dimension, S4S and lumber grading. The company's division in the United States imports lumber, dimension, decking, flooring, S4S and kiln-dried sticks. They handle African and Philippine Mahogany, Meranti, Ipe, Jatoba, Cumaru, Sapele and Spanish Cedar, as well as domestic species such as Red and White Oak, Poplar, Ash, Walnut, Cherry and Maple

Washington, D.C.-The American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC), headquartered here, recently announced that exports of Red Oak lumber to the European Union (EU) rose by over 77 percent last year - more than twice the growth of any other species. However, Red Oak exports to Europe only accounted for 4 percent of the total volume of American hardwood lumber shipped to the EU last year, and only accounted for 6 percent of the total Red Oak exported worldwide. The report, released by the USDA Foreign

Agricultural Service, is still being viewed as positive news by AHEC. David Venables, AHEC European director, said the council faces a tough challenge in "reverse marketing," or moulding the market to suit the product (Red Oak). An increase in Red Oak demand in Europe could be a sign that the campaign is working. Also, the balance of species available in the U.S. hardwood forest is heavily weighted towards Red Oak, and any take up of this species is a good thing. According to the statistics, Red Oak lumber shipments to the United Kingdom and Ireland fell from 4,297 cubic meters to 3,901 cubic meters, and from 1,876 cubic meters to 547 cubic meters respectively as compared to 2006. The decline was far outweighed by increases in exports to Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal. Italy's imports of U.S. Red Oak lumber increased from 3,165 cubic meters to 8,782 cubic meters, while those to Spain rose from 1,111 cubic meters to 5.998 cubic meters. In Greece. the increase was around 80 percent from 1,830 cubic meters to 3,289 cubic meters, and in Portugal from 219 cubic meters in 2006 to 1,527 cubic meters last year. Increases were also seen in shipments to



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certified Pine, uses it to produce FSC boards in its mills, and then sells the finished FSC product at its retail locations throughout the state.

New Orleans, Louisiana-Robinson Lumber Co., located here, recently signed an exclusive sales representative agreement with Floresteca to market Floresteca's FSC Plantation Teak products in China and Thailand.

Initially, Robinson will sell logs developed from the thinning operations of Floresteca's 25,000 hectare plantations in Mato Grosso, Brazil, Larger harvested logs will be available in coming years. Later this year, the company will offer squares, lumber and more value added items.

Floresteca began planting these carefully located plantations in 1994, using seeds of the "Tennasserim" type from Myanmar (Burma) that were brought by British foresters to Trinidad in the early 1900s. Robinson Lumber Co. was founded by

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Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Cyprus and France.

Overall, Red Oak lumber shipments to the European Union reached a level last seen in 2001. If the growth continues through 2008, it may indeed become a new trend in Europe.

Shanghai, China-The International Wood Markets Group Inc., based in Vancouver, B.C., recently hosted the fourth annual China International Wood Products Summit here to discuss China's role as the world's wood products "engine of production.'

Gerry Van Leeuwen, vice president of International Wood Markets Group, said Chinese manufacturers are exploring how plantation wood can be integrated into their operations to replace more expensive imported wood. China imports approximately 70 percent of its 32 million cubic feet of log imports from Russia, which has rising log export duties.

Other key points addressed during the conference included: Chinese imports of forest products and secondary fiber soared from 40 million cubic feet in 1990 to 142 million cubic feet in 2006; by 2010, 70 percent of domestic commercial-purpose timber will be supplied by Chinese plantations; rising costs, currency appreciation, the decline/loss of VAT (value-added tax) rebates and lower prices and volumes are biting into Chinese manufacturing margins; China's wood products exports have grown at a 40 percent annual growth rate by value since 2003; and wooden furniture and wood-based panels, comprising nearly 70 percent of total export value, were the major product exports.

Complete proceedings of the summit are available to order by e-mailing info@woodmarkets.com or calling 604-801-5996.

Woodland, Washington-USNR, headquartered here, recently installed a YieldMaster G3 carriage optimization syswith StereoScan scanning for Pollmeier's mill in Aschaffenburg, Germany. The mill exclusively processes Beech, delivering standardized products sorted according to application to match its customers' requirements.

Beech is the predominant species of Europe's temperate forest, making up 57 percent of Germany's hardwood forests. Pollmeier prides itself on the use of advanced technology and efficient operations that result in high quality products.

Other recent orders included a round rail conversion for the existing carriage at JD Irving Ltd.'s mill in Clair, N.B., and a 66inch wastewood chipper for Kruger of St.-

Roch-De-Mekinac, Que.

USNR is one of the world's premier firms in the design, manufacture and installation of state-of-the-art machinery, control system and optimization software for sawmills and planer mills. In addition to its headquarters facility in Woodland, Wash., the company operates six other facilities in Arkansas, Florida, Michigan, Oregon, British Columbia and Quebec.

Reston, Va.-The Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Assoc. (HPVA), based here, recently hosted its spring meeting in Tampa Bay, Fla., at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel.

The convention featured a tour of the Quality Plywood Specialties facility in Tampa Bay, Fla., and an "Issues That Bet The Industry" seminar. The seminar focused on such topics as the global and national economic forecasts and how Wall Street views the forest assets that it manages; the market is turning green, what shade, how fast and who's driving it; how does the new HPVA marketing campaign, "North American Beauty," help HPVA members grow their business; and the sustainable hardwood forest - how do more forests get enrolled and what programs will the market accept. Kip Howlett, HPVA's new president, also

delivered a report on seven town hall meetings held in various cities to discuss HPVA's position in the new marketplace and how the current political climate impacts the hardwood plywood and veneer industry. The meeting also featured a hard-wood plywood grading and specifying workshop, and a workshop to help attendees understand their obligations under the new California Air Resources Board "Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions From Composite Wood Products."

In related news, the Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Assoc. recently published the 42nd edition of the "Where to Buy Hardwood Plywood, Veneer, and Engineered Hardwood Flooring Buyers' Guide and Membership Directory." The directory includes flooring, made/cut-tosize, and stock panel manufacturers; finishers of hardwood plywood; veneer manufacturers; wholesale distributors; and suppliers to these industries. For more information, visit www.hpva.org.

Founded in 1921, the Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Assoc. (HPVA) represents the interests of the hardwood plywood, hardwood veneer, and engineered hardwood flooring industries. HPVA member companies produce 90 percent of the hardwood plywood stock panels and hardwood veneer manufactured in North America.

Germany-Choren Freiberg, Industries GmbH recently opened the world's reportedly first commercial biomass-to-liquid (BtL) here. According to the

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IMPORT/EXPORT CALENDAR

ZOW-International Furniture Components & Supply Expo (ZOW Spain), Feria de Madrid, Madrid, Spain. Contact: 1-91-6933458. June 10-13.

China Furniture & Woodworks, Dalian Star-Sea Convention & Exhibition Center, Dalian, Liaoning, China Con act 86-41 82538628/82538690. June 12-15.

Furnitex, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Contact: 1-613-Melbourne, 9654773. July 17-20.

Western Red Cedar Lumber Assoc., Annual Summit, Delta Victorian Ocean Pointe Resort and Spa, Victorian, British Columbia. Contact: lang@wrcla.org. July 17-19.





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San Francisco, Calif. Contact: dfarley@bcwood.com. June 21-23.

JULY

Western Hardwood Assoc. Annual Meeting, Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Whistler, B.C. Contact: wha@westernhardwood.org. July 12-15.

Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Fair, (AWFS Fair), Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev. Visit www.awfsfair.org. July 15-18.

Flooring NOFMA: The Wood Manufacturers Assoc. Meeting, Portland Regency, Portland, Maine. Contact: www.NOFMA.org. July 31-Aug. 2.

AUGUST

Shenzhen International Furniture **Exhibition** (SIFE), Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Center, Shenzhen, Guangdong. Contact: 86-755-83786188. Aug. 19-22.

Hong Kong Furniture & Homex, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai, China. Contact: 852-2-5919823. Aug. 22-24.

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company, the plant will take eight to 12 months to reach its full annual capacity of 18 million liters, and run on forest residue wood and waste timber. At full capacity, the facility will use 65,000 metric tons of wood dry matter as feedstock.

The Choren project is the most commercially advanced of several research and development activities in Germany for BtL production. Choren produces BtL with the Carbo-V® process and calls its fuel "SunDiesel®." Choren cooperates with car manufacturers Daimler and Volkswagen, which have tested the fuel in their cars.

BtL is very popular among German politicians who hope it will help them achieve their ambitious biofuel goals and alleviate the food-versus-fuel debate at the same time. Because of its technical specifications, BtL is also popular with car manufacturers and mineral oil companies. However, the future economic viability of BtL production will depend on feedstock costs, logistic costs to move the biomass to the facility, prices for competing products such as fossil fuels, future technical progress and reduction of conversion costs, and government support in the form of tax incentives and mandates.

Newark, New Jersey-A federal grand jury here recently indicted Danny Chien, president of Style Craft Furniture Ltd. in Shanghai, China, and his company on one count of smuggling. According to the indictment, the company,

a manufacturer of wooden baby furniture, shipped a container of furniture from China to Port Elizabeth, N.J., containing a wood commonly called Ramin. The indictment alleges that the Ramin originated from the wild in Indonesia and was imported without a valid required export permit or re-export certificate in violation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

CITES protects certain species of fish, wildlife and plants against overexploitation by regulating trade in the species. Species listed in Appendix II are those that may become threatened with extinction unless trade is strictly regulated. International efforts to curb the illegal harvest of Ramin, used in the manufacture of baby cribs, include its listing in Appendix II of CITES. Ramin is a light colored tropical hardwood found in tropical forests in parts of Southeast Asia, including Indonesia and Malaysia. Indonesia has one of the highest rates of deforestation of any country, much of it due to illegal timber harvest.

Baar, Switzerland-Industrie Forestière d'Ouesso (IFO), a Danzer Group subsidiary, located here, recently received approval from the Republic of Congo for its forest management plan on its 1.16 million hectare forest concession in cooperation with Forêt Ressources Management (FRM). The plan is one of the most important prerequisites for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification of the forest concession.

Danzer Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of hardwood veneers and lumber, is working to achieve FSC certification by cooperating with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The company has also joined the environmental organization's Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN). The forest management plan contains measures for responsible and sustainable forest utilization and also takes into account the rights and needs of the local population. Among other things, the IFO forest management plan contains a detailed inventory of approximately 300 tree species and of the entire timber resources as well as of the large mammals and of the non-timber products found in the concession. The FSC certification process will also include Danzer Group's subsidiary Société Industrielle et Forestière du Congo (SIFORCO) in the Democratic Republic of Conao. Danzer Group operates six veneer factories and five sawmills in Europe, North America and Africa, making it one of the world's largest manufacturers of hardwood veneers. A total of 30 sales outlets worldwide take care of customer needs.

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Ketchikan, Alaska-Jim Haas recently accepted the position of vice president, managing director of Sealaska Wood Products Solutions LLC (SWPS), a subsidiary of Sealaska Timber Corp. (STC), headquartered here. Haas left his post as

president and chief executive officer of Sierra Cedar Products LLC in Marysville, Calif., to assume the role. At SWPS, Haas will be responsible for leading and facilitat-ing growth in the newly established finished wood products company. He will be based out of Yuba City, Calif, The



Jim Haas

firm will focus on high grade Softwood and hardwood lumber and value-added forest products.

"The launching of SWPS is the initial significant step in implementing our strategy to provide a broader business base for the organization," said Wade Zammit, STC president and chief executive officer. "Jim's experience and leadership compliment our current core competencies and both extend and diversify them to include sourc-ing value-added finished products and certified finished products for the U.S. and European markets."

STC was formed in 1980 and is a whollyowned subsidiary of Sealaska Corp. Sealaska Corp. is the regional native cor-poration of Southeast Alaska formed as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The corporation is the largest private landowner in Southeast Alaska and has over 17.400 shareholders.

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appropriated based on the average firefighting costs over the last five fiscal years. The act would not change the current practice of setting the Forest Service and Interior Department's firefighting budgets based on the 10-year average. However, removing catastrophic fires from the Forest Service's budget would be a significant benefit for the agencies.



Donald Norbert Hanafee Sr.

Troy, Tennessee-Donald Norbert Hanafee Sr., former president of Jackson

and Sawmill Brothers Hanafee Sawmill, headquartered here, recently passed away. He was born July 26, 1923, to William Conrad and Ann Tracy Hanafee. Hanafee graduated from Jackson High School in 1942. At age 19, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps 6th Division.



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battles of Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Saipan, Guam and Okinawa. He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. In October 1946, he married Patricia Jeanne Chason.

Hanafee was a member of the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis for over 63 years and the South Central Lumbermen's Club. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne; two sons, Donald Jr. and Conrad; sister, Betty Hanafee; seven grandchildren: and a host of other family and friends. Linda Hill and Bill Golden also gave him care over the past few years.

A funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson, Tenn., with burial following at Ridgecrest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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