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RE: Preliminary Design Value Change Announcement for Component Manufacturers

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Noon – 1:00 pm Central Time
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A G E N D A

Welcome	Adrian Blocker, SFPA President
Roll Call	
Antitrust	Harry Hardin, SFPA Legal Counsel
Resource Monitoring & Enhanced In-Grade Testing	Jim Loy, SPIB President
Changes included in SPIB's submittal to ALSC	
SFPA Communications Plan	Cathy Kaake, SFPA Senior Director
Questions & Answers	
Adjourn	

The last major change for visually graded dimension lumber occurred in 1991 when design values for Southern Pine and other North American species were published based on In-Grade testing of full-size samples of commercially produced lumber. Since 1994, the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB) has conducted an annual resource monitoring program developed in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). Although the level established to trigger additional testing was never reached, overall trends in the annual test data suggested a possible shift in the resource mix. These trends, along with anecdotal external information, prompted SPIB to conduct a year-long enhanced testing program. SPIB and Timber Products Inspection selected full-size No.2 2x4 specimens following a sampling plan approved by the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC). SPIB and Timber Products conducted destructive tests in bending and tension, plus gathered stiffness and property data, all in accordance with established ASTM standards. SPIB also performed the data analysis in conformance with ASTM standards and submitted the results to ALSC. Upon ASLC approval, SPIB will publish the new design values for visually graded Southern Pine dimension lumber. SPIB's data analysis is currently being reviewed by FPL. Based upon FPL's recommendation, ALSC's Board of Review may approve new design values at their October 20, 2011 meeting.



SPIB will announce the magnitude of the possible design value changes and other pertinent information to Southern Pine lumber producers tomorrow morning at 9:30 am Central Time. We realize the proposed changes will also impact our customers. Because component manufacturers are an important Southern Pine customer, SFPA is hosting this conference call with the purpose of providing accurate information directly from SPIB and SFPA. We look forward to your participation in this conference call.

Sincerely,

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