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To our Customers:

The Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB) has placed a notice on their website regarding the engineering values for visually graded structural dimension lumber. You can access this notice at www.spib.org. Essentially, this notice is informing the public that SPIB has received information about some lumber test values that are lower than the currently assigned values and they have begun an expeditious investigation. This does not involve lumber graded with the MEL and MSR processes.

It is important to note that SPIB has not required or recommended any changes to the design values used in the U.S. building codes as referenced in the National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS). These are the values that all engineers rely on to perform structural design of wood structures. These values have a long history of producing safe designs and ITWBCG will continue to provide designs based on these code-referenced NDS values. As the results of the SPIB investigation become known, we will continue to keep you informed and respond accordingly if needed.

Sincerely,

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