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Latitudes Slotted Composite Decking with
Equator Hidden Fastener

Universal Forest Products Introduces New Latitudes® Slotted Decking and Equator® Hidden Fastening System

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., August 23, 2006 – Universal Forest Products (Nasdaq: UFPI) announces the addition of Latitudes slotted composite decking to its popular Latitudes composite decking line.

Latitudes features Equator, a unique, hidden deck fastener system that eliminates the need for pre-drilling. Equator fasteners automatically space composite deck boards with the appropriate gap for quick and easy deck installation. The hidden fastening system also virtually eliminates surface blemishes caused by traditional screw fasteners and helps provide a smooth, barefoot-friendly deck surface. To learn more about Latitudes Slotted Decking and other Latitudes products, call (877) 463-8379 or log on to www.latitudesdeck.com.

Latitudes Slotted Decking is a superior composite product which employs proven Strandex® technology and offers a unique blend of versatility with two richly textured finishes in one reversible board – an embossed wood grain on one side and a brushed surface on the other. Latitudes won't splinter and resists rotting and splitting, providing long-lasting beauty and comfort with no sealing, painting or staining required. Latitudes composite deck boards come with a 15-year limited warranty and are available in 12-, 16- and 20-foot lengths in three classic colors: redwood, cedar, gray and walnut.

Universal Forest Products markets, manufactures and engineers wood and wood-alternative products for D-I-Y retail home centers, structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market and specialty wood packaging for various industries. The company has approximately 10,000 employees who work in more than 100 locations. The company reported sales of nearly \$2.7 billion in 2005. For information about Universal Forest Products on the Internet, please visit the Company's Web site at <http://www.ufpi.com> or call 888-Buy-UFPI.

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