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LATEST RESEARCH ON OSMOSE[®] MICROPRO[®] TECHNOLOGY

Micronized Copper Study Presented To International Conference Made Available To The Public

Griffin, GA, July 28, 2008 – Osmose today released further compelling evidence demonstrating that its MicroPro preservative technology provides excellent protection against fungal decay and termite attack and is the leading new wood treatment technology available on the market.

Independent studies on MicroPro treated wood products were presented in May of this year at the International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG) meeting in Turkey where over 200 wood preservation experts and scientists from around the world were in attendance.

“As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency in the testing of our products to show durability and quality, we are publicly releasing the results of the latest independent scientific study,” said Osmose Vice President of Research, Richard Ziobro. “This clearly demonstrates that MicroPro deserves its place as the market leader in wood treatment technology.”

The study, *Micro-Distribution of Micronized Copper in Southern Pine*, was prepared for the 39th IRG Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey (25-29 May 2008), which involved all of the principal preservative suppliers in the wood treatment market.

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The study findings showing the exceptional performance of the MicroPro treated wood products included the following:

- MicroPro treated wood SEM analysis confirmed that there was no difference in the presence of copper in the cell wall between ACQ-D and MicroPro.
- The MicroPro treated samples were highly resistant to decay by soil-inhabiting soft rot fungi.
- Field stakes treated with the MicroPro preservative system were resistant to degradation by decay fungi and insects after 45 months of field testing in Hawaii.

In addition, Osmose presented 3, 4, and 5-year field stake test data from Florida to the IRG attendees demonstrating that the excellent decay and termite resistance of MicroPro treated wood is comparable to ACQ.

There are seventeen separate on-going field tests of MicroPro that are being conducted or evaluated by independent ISO accredited testing agencies in accordance with AWP Standard E7. The results have shown that MicroPro treated stakes provide excellent protection against fungal decay and termite attack in various recognized field test sites.

“We are fully confident that the test results provide sound scientific support for our MicroPro technology as the most innovative wood preservative technology in the marketplace,” said Osmose President, Paul Goydan. “Osmose will continue to support research into the latest wood treatment technologies and will publish our results in appropriate forums where they can be evaluated by the top independent scientists in the wood preserving field,” he added.

For further information on the MicroPro technology and to download a copy of the research study, *Micro-Distribution of Micronized Copper in Southern Pine*, please go to www.osmosewood.com and click on the “Press Room” icon.