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## News release

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### **Universal Forest Products Introduces ProWood Micro—The Next Generation of Pressure-treated Wood**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., August 14, 2006 – Universal Forest Products (Nasdaq: UFPI), the world's leading producer of pressure-treated wood, today introduced the revolutionary ProWood® Micro treated lumber.

In addition to all the benefits of current pressure-treating technology, this next generation of pressure-treated wood has the added advantage of being less corrosive, so there's no need for expensive nails or stainless steel fasteners. ProWood Micro can withstand harsh weather conditions and is effective for decades.

Like other preserved wood products from Universal Forest Products, ProWood Micro is pressure treated with a waterborne preservative system containing copper and quaternary compounds to protect against termite attack and decay. With ProWood Micro, the copper preservative is micronized, which reduces the corrosive properties. Available today in select markets, Universal Forest Products plans to introduce the product nationwide over the next several months.

The ProWood Micro preservative is forced under high pressure into the cellular structure of the wood to form an insoluble complex that won't break down over time.

ProWood Micro pressure treated lumber is clean and safe for handling and for the environment and has a fresher, more natural appearance than other treated wood. ProWood Micro is also odorless, non-staining and non-irritating to humans, animals and plants, and is ideal for a wide range of outdoor uses, such as structural lumber, decks, docks and railings, landscaping borders and structures, fencing, retaining walls, and many others.

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ProWood Micro technology is also available in natural wood-tone colors called MicroShades. As the only commercially available in-solution pigment system, MicroShades provides more consistent coloring, better penetration, and a more natural appearance than manual staining or dyeing.

With 24 wood treating facilities strategically located throughout North America, Universal is the leading manufacturer and supplier of pressure treated lumber products to retailers nationwide. Universal's staff of dedicated wood preservation scientists use the latest advances in wood preservation technology to provide properly treated lumber that stands up to wood's natural enemies and is safe for humans, animals and the environment.

To learn more about ProWood Micro and ProWood Micro with MicroShades pressure treated lumber, visit **[www.prowoodmicro.com](http://www.prowoodmicro.com)**, or call 800-598-9663.

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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