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Weekes Forest Products Opens *Construction & Utility Division*

Saint Paul, MN, January 4, 2019 — Weekes Forest Products, a leading distributor of lumber and building materials throughout the East and Midwest, today announced they are starting a Construction & Utility Division with sales offices in Oregon, Michigan and Virginia as well as strategically placed inventory throughout the United States.

The newly formed Division will supply treated utility poles in all species (Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar, Southern Yellow Pine) and all treatments including creosote, copper naphthenate, pentachlorophenol, and CCA, both domestically and internationally to customers including municipalities and investor owned utilities. In addition to utility poles the newly formed Construction and Utility Division will also supply crane mats to the oil and gas industry and as well as to the utility sector. The new venture will also sell treated pilings and various other treated material used for industrial projects throughout the country.

“We are very pleased with the opportunity to expand our industrial footprint in a new direction and are fortunate to have assembled an extremely talented team of salespeople who have been operating in this space for a combined 140 years” said Tom Le Vere, President of Weekes Forest Products. Tom went on to say “Joe Passadore has agreed to head our Construction & Utility Group. I’ve known Joe for more than 20 years and I know of no one more qualified to lead this new business venture which reinforces our industrial products strategy.”

“We are excited to join the Weekes Forest Products Team and combine the financial and distribution strengths of Weekes with the product, logistics and purchasing knowledge of our team to offer best in class service to our customers both domestically and abroad” says Joe Passadore.

Weekes currently operates distribution centers in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Illinois, Florida, Maryland, Texas, Colorado, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

About Weekes Forest Products

Founded in 1978, Weekes Forest Products is a leading distributor of specialty building materials, commodity and MSR lumber, Panel Products, Engineered Wood Components and Industrial materials throughout the Midwest and East. Weekes sales, distribution and manufacturing network stretches over 19 states including 12 distribution centers and two remanufacturing facilities. For more information about Weekes Forest Products visit www.weekesforest.com or call 800.328.2890.