



Universal Forest Products Jumps to Number 842 on the Fortune 1000

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Apr 3, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: UFPI) today announced that it jumped 79 places on the annual "Fortune 1000" listing of America's largest corporations. UFPI is ranked this year at number 842.

"Our inclusion and advancement on a list as prestigious as Fortune's is a testimony to the strength of our management team and our workforce," said Peter F. Secchia, UFPI's chairman of the board. "I've often said Chief Executive Officer Bill Currie surrounds himself with the best people in the business, and they continually serve our shareholders with achievement."

Universal Forest Products markets, manufactures, and engineers 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 reported sales in 2001 of more than \$1.5 billion.

For information about Universal Forest Products on the Internet, please contact the company's web site at www.ufpi.com , or call 888-Buy-UFPI

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