



Universal Forest Products Announces Vice President of Business Development, Vice President of Accounting

February 22, 2006

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 22, 2006--Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq:UFPI) today announced its Vice President of Accounting, Eric Maxey, is to take the newly created position of Vice President of Business Development. The company's Corporate Controller, Scott Bravata, will be promoted to Vice President of Accounting. The moves take effect February 27, 2006.

"Our growth depends largely on our ability to acquire successful companies that fit our strategic plan and that are a good fit for the Universal culture. It's critical for us to keep the pipeline full of these opportunities," said President and COO Mike Glenn. "As we evaluated candidates for Vice President of Business Development, Maxey quickly rose to the top of the list."

Both Maxey and Bravata have a long history with Universal. Maxey joined Universal in 1981 as Assistant Controller and was promoted to Controller in 1984. In 1992, Maxey was promoted to Vice President of Accounting.

Bravata joined Universal in accounting in May of 1988 and became Director of Wholesale Accounting in 1989. He had held the position of Corporate Controller since 1997.

"Bravata is a perfect fit for this position," Mike said. "He's proven his skills over the years and will provide great leadership to the accounting group and to our efforts."

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 also provides framing services for the site-built sector. In conjunction with its customers, Universal uses its engineering and manufacturing expertise, coupled with highly skilled employees, to design and construct buildings and housing. The company has approximately 9,500 employees who work in more than 100 locations. 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.

CONTACT: Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Lynn Afendoulis, 616-365-1502

SOURCE: Universal Forest Products, Inc.