



## **Universal Forest Products and Goldin Building Systems Partner to Serve Gulf Coast Market**

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 14, 2006--Universal Forest Products, Inc. (NASDAQ:UFPI) and Mississippi-based Goldin Building Systems have joined forces to serve builders in the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast region with trusses and other engineered building components.

Gulf Coast Components LLC, in Gulfport, Mississippi, will serve area builders with roof and floor trusses, wall panels and other lumber products. The business is expected to be operational by the end of the third quarter of 2006. The plant will be located on a 10-acre site in Gulfport.

The capabilities of Universal Forest Products, a national leader in engineered building components based in Michigan, and the strengths of Goldin Building Systems, a manufacturer with a strong local presence and history in Mississippi, combine to provide the knowledge and skills of a local manufacturing firm with the powerful engineering and manufacturing expertise of Universal.

"The partnership with Goldin provides a perfect opportunity to supply our engineered components and other wood products in an area that is in desperate need of service - and to do it with the knowledge and empathy that Goldin can provide," said Universal President Michael B. Glenn. "It's a strong business opportunity to serve the builders that are planning large projects throughout the region as it seeks to rebuild from the hurricanes."

"Universal is known throughout the nation for exceptional products and service and we are very happy to have the opportunity to bring that expertise to this area and to partner with them," said Alan H. Goldin, President of Goldin Building Systems.

Universal Forest Products manufactures, engineers and markets 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. Universal reported sales of nearly \$2.7 billion in 2005. The company is based in Grand Rapids, MI and has approximately 9,500 employees who work out of more than 100 locations throughout North America.

Goldin Building Systems manufactures and markets engineered wood components used to frame residential or commercial projects for the site-built construction market, such as large-volume, multi-tract builders and smaller-volume custom builders. Goldin has been serving customers along the Gulf Coast for over 60 years. The company also manufactures and markets metal building components, and distributes steel sheet products worldwide.

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