



UFPI Issues \$0.20 Per Share Dividend Based on Financial Strength, Optimism for the Future

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Apr 15, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: UFPI) today announced that its Board of Directors approved a semiannual dividend payment of \$0.20 per share, marking the 28th consecutive year the Company has paid a dividend. The dividend was approved at the board's April 14, 2010, meeting and is payable on June 15, 2010, to shareholders of record on June 1, 2010.

"Last October, when we approved the largest increase to our semiannual dividend in our history, we vowed to maintain payments at the increased level if we maintained our strong balance sheet, profitability and cash flow," said Chairman William G. Currie. "I'm proud to say that we continue to maintain a solid financial position, and, with a dividend, we will reward those who have placed their trust and investment in Universal."

"We're strong, we have faith in our strategies and our people, and we have a great outlook on our future," Currie added. "We're proud to be in a position to offer a dividend and still have the resources we need to sustain our growth strategies."

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

Universal Forest Products, Inc. is a holding company that provides capital, management and administrative resources to subsidiaries that design, manufacture and market wood and wood-alternative products for DIY/retail home centers and other retailers, structural lumber and other products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market, and specialty wood packaging and components and packing materials for various industries. Universal's subsidiaries also provide framing services for the site-built market, and forming products for concrete construction. The Company's consumer products subsidiary offers a large portfolio of outdoor living products, including wood composite decking, decorative balusters, post caps and plastic lattice. Its lawn and garden group offers an array of products, such as trellises and arches, to retailers nationwide. Founded in 1955, Universal Forest Products is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., with operations throughout North America. For more about Universal Forest Products, go to www.ufpi.com.

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