

## Latitudes(R) Achieves Canadian Construction Materials Centre Listing

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jun 08, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Universal Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Universal Forest Products and maker of Latitudes composite decking and railing, announces the company's composite decking has been granted a Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) Listing for its Latitudes wood/plastic composite deck board, when used as exterior decking planks and as stair treads.

### CCMC Report

The CCMC 13378-R report indicates that Universal has demonstrated the capability to manufacture composite decking products that meet specified criteria of performance specific to the Canadian building code. The product is a wood thermoplastic composite made primarily from wood fiber, virgin and reclaimed polyethylene, and talc. The product is a rectangular solid deck board with rounded corners and slotted edges. The product has an average thickness of 23.4 mm and an average width of 132.5 mm. Latitudes decking is intended to be used as exterior decking installed over traditional structural wood framing.

The CCMC provides a national evaluation service for innovative construction materials, products, systems and services. Operating within the National Research Council Institute for Research in Construction (NRC-IRC), CCMC evaluations are supported by the latest technical research and expertise, and are based on the requirements of the National Building Code of Canada:

- Health and Safety
- Functionality
- Accessibility
- Egress

The Canadian Home Builders' Association supports the use of CCMC evaluations as a basis for determining the acceptability of products.

"I'm thrilled to have the Latitudes decking line listed with CCMC," said John Hess, Director of Composite Sales for Universal Forest Products. "This listing will dramatically improve our ability to drive sales of Latitudes decking throughout Canada."

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 products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market, and specialty wood packaging and components for various industries. 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, and its garden group offers an array of products, such as trellises and arches, to retailers nationwide.

Universal's subsidiaries also provide framing services for the site-built market and forming products for concrete construction. The 55-year-old company is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., with facilities throughout North America. To learn more about Latitudes composite decking, as well as other Latitudes composite decking products, call 877-463-8379, e-mail [latitudes@ufpi.com](mailto:latitudes@ufpi.com) or visit [www.latitudesdeck.com](http://www.latitudesdeck.com). For more information about Universal Forest Products, visit [www.ufpi.com](http://www.ufpi.com).

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