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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Thurs., April 14, 2011 - 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 29th consecutive year the Company has paid a dividend. The dividend was approved at the board's April 13, 2011, meeting and is payable on June 15, 2011, to shareholders of record on June 1, 2011.

"It is as critical to us to thank shareholders who back their confidence in Universal with an investment as it is to continue to earn their trust and investment," said Chairman William G. Currie. "With this dividend, we're rewarding investors who help make our success possible, and we're vowing to use every working minute of every day to grow our sales, enhance our profitability, and to continue make Universal an attractive investment and a powerful player in our markets."

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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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