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*-Approves December 2013 dividend of \$0.21 per share-*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., October 17, 2013 - Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: UFPI) today announced that, at their October 16, 2013, meeting, the Board of Directors approved a five percent increase to the annual dividend, as well as a semiannual dividend payment of \$0.21 per share. The dividend is payable on December 15, 2013, to shareholders of record on December 1, 2013.

"With this dividend increase, we underscore our optimism for our company and our future, and our gratitude for those who have helped us achieve success-our shareholders," said UFPI Chairman William G. Currie. "We are honored to reward those who are critical to our company and our future with this dividend, and hope this increase lets everyone know that this Company is on solid footing and doing all the right things to create success."

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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 building materials retailers and wholesalers, structural lumber and other products for the manufactured housing and residential construction markets, and specialty wood packaging and components and packing materials for various industries. It has subsidiaries that provide framing services for the residential construction market in some parts of the country; that manufacture and market products used for concrete construction; and that offer lawn and garden products, such as trellises and arches, to retailers nationwide. Its consumer products operations offer a large portfolio of outdoor living products, including wood composite decking, decorative balusters, post caps and plastic lattice. Founded in 1955, Universal Forest Products is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich. Its subsidiaries operate facilities throughout North America. For more about Universal, go to [www.ufpi.com](http://www.ufpi.com).

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