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Vancouver, BC — International Wood Markets Group's fourth premier conference will be held this year at the 5-star Shangri-La Hotel in Qingdao, attracting some of the most influential organizations and individuals in the international wood industry. The current status and future implications of the fast-growing plantations in China will be revealed, making for lively discussion: how big a factor will these plantations be in driving the growth of future Chinese wood products exports? What does the future hold –will the astounding growth rates of Chinese wood products exports achieved over the last 5 years persist?

If 2006 provides any indication, the run-up of Chinese exports may well continue:

- Plywood exports increased by 59% to reach US \$2.9 billion;
- Wooden doors and frames increased by 41% to reach US \$494 million; and
- Lumber increased by 27% in 2006 to reach US \$353 million.

Millwork and Panel Products, in particular, will be under the conference's spotlight as international specialists and consultants present up-to-date market data and insights. The product showcase and networking sessions offer tremendous opportunities for international delegates to build valuable, lasting relationships and initiate negotiations for future product-sourcing. IWMG has also organized a one-day industry tour prior to the conference, so that participants can visit millwork factories in and around Qingdao on September 22, enhancing the experience of the conference itself.

The speakers will examine a wide range of topics:

- Where are the current and future wood product opportunities for buyers and sellers in China?
- Which raw materials present new and lucrative opportunities in the face of rapidly changing global supply dynamics like Russian export taxes, certified wood, tropical log export restrictions, etc.?
- How will wood products react to changing Chinese government policy, such as declining value-added tax rebates or increasing Chinese export taxes?
- Who are some of the leading wood product manufacturing companies in China and what is their future outlook?

Immediately following the China Summit, September 24th - 30th 2007, IWMG will be guiding a six-day tour of Chinese plantations and high-quality factories across China that utilize plantation and imported wood for export markets. China is becoming a leader in micro-propagation techniques, resulting in the development of fast-growing hybrid species. Poplar, paulownia, eucalyptus, Chinese fir and masson pine are the main species used for wood products production; and China is harvesting, as well as consuming, more and more plantation wood due to the increased availability of plantation timber and the growing pressure on Chinese industry from rapidly increasing prices of imported species.

This well-planned tour will provide an invaluable opportunity for participants to understand and survey first-hand the dynamics of the fast growing plantation industry in China. However, the tour also encourages participants to meet key contacts, as it guides them around some of the top manufacturers in China. Participants will experience the current situation of the wood industry in China first-hand, allowing them to better appreciate the significance of China's role in the globalization of the wood industry over the past decade. This all-inclusive one-week tour will focus on:

- Visits to Chinese processing plants using plantation species, including those exporting to offshore markets;
- Visits to Chinese plantation forests;
- Advances taking place in Chinese plantation research centers;
- Plywood and millwork wood products; and
- Plantation species such as poplar, paulownia, eucalyptus, and Chinese fir.

IWMG's office in Beijing provides high quality services to clients for field investigations, sourcing suppliers, and for customized industry tours and market research in China. The office's strong connections to Chinese manufacturers, government and industry associations, provide IWMG with first-hand access to qualified Chinese wood product manufacturers and industry experts.

For details on these events, a list of past conference attendees, conference feedback and information on their other products and services, please visit IWMG's website www.woodmarkets.com.

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