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**ATLANTA HARDWOOD CORPORATION ACQUIRES AVERITT FACILITY IN
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE**

ATLANTA, Georgia (October 7, 2008) - We are proud to announce that effective September 30, 2008, Atlanta Hardwood Corporation acquired the Averitt drying yard facility in Clarksville, Tennessee. This acquisition includes 35 acres of land, 500,000 sq. ft. of warehouse/storage buildings and 700,000 bd. ft. of kiln capacity. The facility is located at 310 Dover Road, Clarksville, Tennessee and will have an estimated start-up date of Spring 2009.

Atlanta Hardwood Corporation has a history of more than 50 years in the lumber business. The Clarksville, Tennessee, kiln-drying facility is our fifth concentration yard in the Eastern United States, with kiln-drying facilities in Atlanta, Georgia; Cleveland, Georgia; Crystal Spring, Pennsylvania; and Huntersville, North Carolina; plus an export office in China; a moulding and dimension facility; and five distribution centers in the Southeast. For more information about Atlanta Hardwood Corporation and our affiliate companies, visit us online at www.hardwoodweb.com.

Effective October 1, Dan Caldwell has been promoted to president of Atlanta Hardwood Corporation. He will retain his previous responsibilities including overseeing purchasing and lumber operations. Mr. Caldwell has held numerous positions within the Atlanta Hardwood group since joining the Huntersville, North Carolina facility in 1975 as a sales representative.

Hal Mitchell, a graduate from the master's program in wood science at Virginia Tech, was promoted to vice president of the Georgia lumber operations, overseeing two drying yards and a moulding plant. His previous role was general manager of the Atlanta yard facility. The Atlanta sales office and all Georgia yard operations will report to Mr. Mitchell.

Jim Howard, recent president of NHLA, will remain CEO and chairman of Atlanta Hardwood Corporation, focusing on strategic opportunities and expansion of the company's distribution locations.

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