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## When You Think of Wood, Think of Us.

Our company was founded in 1952 in Knoxville, Tennessee by James W. Howard, Sr. He started as a lumber broker, selling to furniture manufacturers in eastern Tennessee. In the mid-1950s, he moved to Atlanta, leasing kilns on Glenwood Avenue. His brothers joined the company, which became known as Howard Lumber and Kilns. By 1960, we had built a plant in Mableton, Georgia, and Atlanta Hardwood became the sales arm for Howard Lumber.

Today, our company consists of three kiln drying yards, a value-added production facility in Clarksville, Tennessee, a moulding plant in Cleveland, Georgia, an import and export division, and a logistics company. We ship Appalachian hardwood lumber throughout the world and import the finest African and South American hardwoods available. We carry our commitment to excellence to extraordinary levels with a fully integrated process that allows us to control quality from rough green lumber through sales.

In choosing us, you get more than top-quality hardwood products. You're choosing exceptional quality, professional expertise, decades of experience and a vision for the future. You share in our commitment to renewable wood resources and responsible forest stewardship. We are a multi-generational company with a long-term vested interest in sustainable forestry. With greater forest management and long-term stewardship, we know better wood can come from our forest resources.

Our future is linked to a healthy forest resource. So remember, when you think of wood, think of us.

Jam W Howard

Jim Howard Chief Executive Officer



**AHC Clarksville** 







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# World-Class, Value-Added Manufacturing

Atlanta Hardwood has evolved over the years, now operating as the parent company to AHC Hardwood Group. In addition to maintaining three concentration yards, AHC has added new manufacturing capabilities and capacity to ensure vertical integration. By maintaining supply chain control from the green mill all the way through to the finished product, we are able to serve our customers better.

Operating under the AHC brand are the AHC Clarksville facility with moulding and value-added manufacturing, the AHC White County Mouldings plant in north Georgia, AHC Import Lumber, importing African and South American hardwoods, AHC Export Lumber, which sells Appalachian hardwoods around the world, and AHC Logistics, the trucking division of the company.

#### **Capabilities**

We've invested in industry-leading technology to ensure maximum productivity that meets the specialized needs of our customers. Our recent expansion at AHC Clarksville has allowed us to increase capacity by 300%, moving our primary focus from kiln drying and lumber to value-added products, including:

- Cut-to-length S4S boards
- Mouldings
- Hobby boards
- Specialty trim

- Cabinet components
- Furniture parts
- Window and door parts

Today, our manufacturing plants are 50-50 value-added components and kiln-dried lumber. Our goal is to provide solutions for our customers. In recent years, we've added additional equipment to meet these demands, including:

- Kentwood model M609X moulders
- Kentwood model M812HS 220 moulders
- Diehl SLR model SL-52
- Newman model S-382 planers
- Mereen Johnson Model DC-424 gang rip saw
- Weinig model 450XI optimizing cross-cut saw

- Thermo modification kilns
- WoodEye vision scanning
- Eagle MB246 6 Blade Rip System
- Eagle Talon 3000 and 5000 chop systems
- Kentwood HBR 12" Resaw
- Highlight Revolver Wrapping System



#### **Quality Control**

We go to great lengths to protect the products we manufacture, including curtainside trailers and tarping. To ensure that the finished product is protected until it is delivered to customers, we stretch and shrink wrap individual units for protection from dust and damage that can occur in warehouses. Additionally, all of our plants have covered loading facilities to assure that you receive dry product, even during adverse weather conditions

#### State-of-the Art Lumber Sorting

We invest in advanced technology operated by highly trained personnel. Our twenty-first century technology allows us to sort lumber efficiently. Specialty sorting for length, width and grade mix, plus 500 board-feet packaging, are among the many options we offer. As an industry leader, we continually upgrade our equipment and train our team. Our experienced sales force is ready to quote your next trailer load of specialty-sorted lumber.

### International Resources, Including South American and African Hardwoods





# **Global Sourcing and Trading**

#### **AHC Import Lumber**



Through our import division, we make available to our customers some of the most desired species from around the world. We also sell to customers direct from the source. Our offering includes African hardwoods such as bubinga, limba, sapele and zebrawood, and South American hardwoods such as Peruvian walnut, red grandis, ipe and jatoba. By providing our customers with both domestic and imported species, we are able to offer streamlined ordering and mixed loads for efficient, cost-effective purchasing.

#### **AHC Export Lumber**



Through our export division, AHC Export Lumber, we are able to supply the finest domestic hardwood species to our customers around the world. We process, distribute and export more than 50 million board-feet of Appalachian hardwood lumber each year. Our facilities are located within close proximity to major U.S. ports for convenient shipping. AHC Export Lumber is also a worldwide supplier of premium African, Central and South American hardwood lumber.

#### **VikingWood™**



VikingWood<sup>™</sup> is a natural, chemical-free hardwood produced when treated under extremely high temperatures (400°F+) in a specialized kiln in our Cleveland, GA, facility. The thermal modification process greatly lowers the wood's moisture content, resulting in increased dimensional stability, with less cupping or warping, and a natural resistance to decay. The dark appearance of VikingWood makes it a desirable alternative to tropical woods for siding, decking, rain screen systems and outdoor furniture.

# **Moulding and Dimension**

#### **AHC White County and AHC Clarksville**

We specialize in serving the needs of building products distributors, millwork and cabinet manufacturers, flooring distributors, architects and designers, custom cabinet makers, and furniture and fixture manufacturers.

As both a wholesaler and manufacturer, AHC Hardwood Group is one of the largest producers of specialty mouldings in the Southeast. We carry our commitment to excellence to extraordinary levels with a fully integrated process that allows us to control quality from rough green lumber to custom mouldings.

Among our millwork services we offer:

- Stock and Custom Mouldings
- Straight-Line Ripping
- Edge and Face Gluing
- Custom Flooring and Paneling
- Profile Sanding
- Optimized Defecting

Optimized Gang Ripping

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- Precision Cut-to-Length
- Mouldings









#### **Our Commitment to the Environment**

American hardwood forests offer a greater number of species than any other temperate hardwood forest in the world. Each year, hardwood growth in the U.S. is much greater than the annual harvest. As an industry leader, we fully support responsible forest management practices that both promote sustainability and result in long-term economic and environmental benefits.

We understand that the decisions we make today will impact the overall health and quality of future timberlands. While wood is inherently green, we also recognize that third-party certification is important in maintaining public confidence.

We have been a leader in the United States in promoting products for green building standards. We source forest products from mills that ascribe to a variety of certification programs, including Forest Stewardship Council<sup>®</sup> (FSC<sup>®</sup>) and Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI). As additional credible certification programs are developed, we will continue to evaluate and expand our offering of certified forest products. Regarding imported hardwoods, we actively support and abide by the principles of the Convention in International Trade with Endangered Species (CITES) and the Lacey Act recently passed by the US Congress which protects against illegal logging.

All of our facilities have made a commitment to be environmentally conscious. Internally we have a green task force focused on recycling. When available, we purchase bio-diesel for our truck fleet and forklifts. All of our internal wood wastes generated by our plants, planer mills, trim saws and wood dunnage materials are utilized as fuel to make steam for our dry kilns. Our warehouses have incorporated skylights and all of our plants have low maintenance native landscaping. We recycle our office paper, steel banding and the waste oil in our maintenance shops. Our management encourages employee participation in and support of responsible environmental organizations and sustainable forest management. Additionally, we support numerous organizations which promote conservation and environmental stewardship, including The Trust for Public Land, Trees Atlanta and the Hardwood Forest Foundation.



The mark of responsible forestry

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