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SLMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006: STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

FOREST PARK, GA, April 18, 2006 – The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association recently announced plans for its upcoming Annual Conference. The event is scheduled for July 20-22 at the Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida. The theme for this year's conference is *Strength in Numbers*.

“We look forward to welcoming SLMA members to a value-packed meeting filled with information, relationship-building, targeted educational sessions—not to mention the fun and excitement of the Amelia Island,” says Mark Anthony of Anthony Forest Products Co., Chairman of SLMA.

Dr. Patrick Moore, founding member of Greenpeace and leader in the international environmental field for over 30 years, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event. Other seminars will tackle such issues as biomass, the industry outlooks and economic indicators. Several educational seminars are also scheduled on topics such as a salesmanship, family succession planning and lumber futures. In addition to the seminars, attendees will also see the latest in technology and equipment at this year's Trade Exposition.

“SLMA continues to serve as the voice of the independent lumber manufacturer” stated Steve Rountree, president of SLMA. “We've accomplished quite a bit this year – empowering our members and even strengthening our membership base. At this year's Annual Conference, we look forward to celebrating our accomplishments and further empowering our members with the knowledge they need to stay one step ahead of the competition.”

The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association represents independent lumber manufacturers throughout the Southeast. Members of the association produce an average of 4.5 billion board feet of quality hardwood and softwood lumber annually. SLMA represents over 200 member companies with the continued goal of helping perpetuate family-owned lumber businesses.

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