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SLMA 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

FOREST PARK, GA, July 26, 2006 - - Nearly 650 SLMA members and associate members convened at the Ritz Carlton Amelia Island in Amelia Island, FL last week for the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association's 2006 Annual Conference. The theme of the conference, Strength in Numbers, could not have been more fitting as this was SLMA's largest meeting in over 12 years.

Hank Scott, CEO of Collum's Lumber Products, LLC, was elected chairman of SLMA at the meeting. Scott served on SLMA's executive committee for the past three years as treasurer, 2nd vice-chairman and 1st vice-chairman, respectively. He replaced Mark Anthony as SLMA chairman.

As chairman, Scott's goal for the coming year is to ensure the association's preparedness for the 21st century. "SLMA has met the needs of independent lumber manufacturers since 1961," said Scott. "However, very few things about the forest products industry have remained unchanged since the 60's. I look forward to working to make sure that SLMA is prepared to make any changes necessary to be able to continue to support its members' competitiveness in the marketplace. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for this association and its members."

SLMA's Executive Committee is now comprised of:

- Hank Scott, Chairman, Collum's Lumber Products, LLC, Allendale, SC
- Bryant Beadles, First Vice-Chairman, Balfour Lumber Co., Inc., Thomasville, GA
- Charles Thomas, III, Second Vice-Chairman, Shuqualak Lumber Co., Inc., Shuqualak, MS
- David Richbourg, Treasurer, H.W. Culp Lumber Co., New London, NC
- Mark Anthony, Past Chairman, Anthony Forest Products Company, Atlanta, TX

Several members were added to SLMA's Board of Directors, including:

- Jack Jordan, Jordan Lumber & Supply Inc., Mt. Gilead, NC

- Rick Hanna, Hanna Manufacturing Co., Winnfield, LA
- Andy Pollard, Pollard Lumber Co., Inc., Appling, GA
- Ken Morgan, Morgan Lumber Co., Inc., Red Oak, VA

The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association represents independent lumber manufacturers throughout the Southeastern United States. 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. As chairman, Scott will provide the association with guidance and leadership on governmental, marketing/public relations and membership issues.

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