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WOOD INDUSTRY STUDENT PLACEMENT PROGRAM ON-LINE AT VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – May 30, 2008. The department of Wood Science and Forest Products at Virginia Tech has developed an on-line student placement program for the North American wood and forest products sector. The Wood Industry Student Placement Program is a web site for use by Virginia Tech students and the industry. Only Virginia Tech students can post resumes to the site. Industry representatives can register to use the site and once registered with an official user name and password, can access the site to post position announcements or to view student resumes. All industry positions will be visible on the web site. Web tools are available for the industry representative to manage their postings.

“Our vision is to put the North American forest products industry in front of 27,000 students on the Virginia Tech campus. We are developing several vehicles to achieve broader recognition of opportunities in our sector for all students at Virginia Tech, including our Wood Industry Student Placement Program and our Wood Week Career Fair venue. Our industry needs engineers, chemists, architects, marketers, managers, wood scientists, foresters, and a host of other talents you will find in students on our campus. On the strength of our own department and the relationships we foster with the industry and the other academic programs at Virginia Tech, we vision to create a career placement vehicle that serves our students and the industry. We know we can bring great visibility to opportunities in our industry” said Department head Dr. Paul Winistorfer. The department has one of the largest undergraduate and graduate student enrollments in North America.

The Wood Industry Student Placement Program will be live and open for industry use on July 1. The site can be accessed through the department’s website at www.woodscience.vt.edu.

The department of Wood Science and Forest Products in the College of Natural Resources is the leading program in North America engaged in wood and renewable materials utilization. Faculty focus on the science and business of wood and renewable materials utilization through learning, discovery, and engagement. The department is home to the Center for Forest Products Marketing and Management, the Center for Unit Load Design, the Wood-Based Composites Center, the Sustainable Engineered Materials Institute and the award winning Wood Magic Show for 4th and 5th grade children and their teachers. Through cooperation with the department of Marketing in the Pamplin College of Business, the department co-directs the Alfred P. Sloan Forest Industries Center. The department is an active participant in the renewable materials research initiative in the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS). Students learn from the leading wood and renewable materials scientists in the world, who bring the latest science and application of principles to the classroom.

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