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## **Weston Forest buys stake in Bramwood Forest Products**

**Mississauga, Ontario – November 25, 2014** – Rick Ekstein, President and Chief Executive Officer, announced today that Weston Forest Products Inc. has purchased an interest in Toronto-based Bramwood Forest Products, effective December 1, 2014.

“Bramwood has been a strong competitor of ours for many years,” said Ekstein. “They are an excellent company, with great remanufacturing capabilities, great people and a loyal customer base. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.”

Bramwood owner and President Nir Meltzer will remain as a partner. He will continue as President – and will operate Bramwood as a fully independent entity. That means for customers, suppliers, and employees of both entities, it will be business as usual.

“Weston recognizes that Bramwood’s growth over the past 25 years has been based on our culture and our unique approach to business” said Meltzer. “We want to ensure that continues, which is why both businesses will continue to maintain independent operations, locations and brands.”

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**Weston Forest is one of North America’s leading full service distributors and remanufacturers of softwood & hardwood lumber and specialty panel products. Weston maintains an extensive inventory of industrial and commodity lumber and panels to provide just-in-time service to the crating and industrial packaging industry, construction and infrastructure sector, and Lumber and Building Materials dealers, including MSR lumber for truss manufacturers. Weston also acts as an exclusive sales agent for a group of SPF sawmills in northern Ontario, producing mostly rough lumber in dimensions up to 12x12x32’. Weston Forest operates a distribution and remanufacturing facility at the head office in Mississauga, Ontario, and uses several distribution and remanufacturing facilities in Quebec, Ontario, Michigan, New York, and Maryland.**

**Bramwood Forest Products was established in 1990 by the Meltzer family and has grown to become one of Ontario’s leading suppliers to the Industrial marketplace as well as several specialty markets. Bramwood remanufactures lumber & panels at their facility in Toronto providing a variety of value added products. Bramwood has also positioned itself as a major player in the Premium Strapping market, in addition to being a leading supplier of Framestock to furniture manufacturers as well as Lagging and Shoring to the construction industry.**

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