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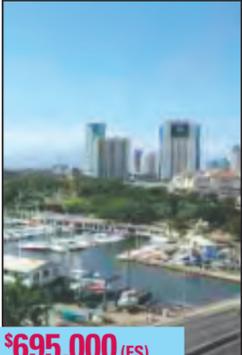
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## The Case For Lumber

Homes built in primitive and ancient societies were generally constructed with materials occurring naturally in the environment. In arid areas, earth and stone were used to build homes, while in forested regions the choice was generally wood or a combination of wood, stone, and earth. Over time, cement and steel were added to the mix and personal preference became as important an influence on the stylistic and structural components of homes as availability of materials, environmental conditions, and the prevailing culture. In the U. S., more homes have been built with wood than with any other material and lumber has remained the preferred product for framing and finishes. However, over the past few decades concerns about forest depletion and resulting damage to the environment have mounted, causing some builders, home owners, and home buyers to favor materials other than wood for residential construction. Are such concerns valid?

To set the record straight, Hawaii's lumber industry created the Hawaii Lumber Products Association in 2003 and mounted an aggressive public information campaign. The organization currently has a membership that consists of lumber companies and affiliates representing Hawaii and North America.

According to HPLA director, vice president/secretary, and founding member Terry Inglett, president and COO of Honsador, one of the association's priorities is to dispel

the myth that the industry is over-harvesting trees in the nation's forests. "Any abuses that existed in the past have long since been addressed and corrected," Inglett said. "Lumber companies such as Weyerhaeuser, one of the world's largest, observe very strict lumbering practices consistent with guidelines developed by environmental groups and standards set by government agencies. "By using more lumber, we

are actually generating the planting of more trees. As the demand increases, the lumber companies acquire more unforested land where they plant trees that will eventually be harvested. Most lumber today is not taken from public forests, but from replanted private lands. There are more trees

ing used in place of the large timber beams cut from the old growth trees. Floor joists, for example, are being fabricated from oriented strand board and engineered lumber bound with adhesives. Joists and beams so fabricated are stronger and straighter than solid sawn lumber.

cent of the U. S. market demand, but the U. S. is willing to give Canada access to only 30.5 percent of the market. At issue, also, is the amount of the tariff to be charged against the Canadian imports. Although there is still plenty of timber available, there is a problem in accessing it due to the current shortage of rail cars and trucks to transport it."

Inglett and other HPLA members, including president Hap Person, who is also the president of Honolulu Wood Treating, agree that one of the most important missions of the new organization is to educate the public regarding the durability of wood and resistance to rot and termite infestation when properly treated and cared for. "The woods used in Hawaii for residential construction are principally Douglas fir, cedar, hemlock, spruce, and pine. Hawaii's Building Code requires that all structural and framing lumber be pressure treated to approved standards for improved durability," Person said. "You can get a 25 year warranty on homes built with properly treated wood. The approved Hi-bor brand wood preservative treatment is not only effective against termites and decay, but it also a safe mineral found in nature. A wood

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**"A wood framed home that has been properly designed, built, and maintained can last a lifetime in Hawaii."**

Hap Person  
President, Honolulu Wood Treating  
President, Hawaii Lumber Products Association

growing in the U. S. and Canada today than 100 years ago."

Inglett pointed out that 98 percent of all timber products brought to a mill are turned into a useable product, including fuel to offset the use of fossil fuels in running the mill. Mulch and bark for ornamental landscaping are other by-products. With increasing development of engineered wood, such products are be-

"Right now we have a very strong U. S. demand for lumber driven by the low interest rates which caught the supply side of the industry off guard," Inglett said. "In addition the U. S. dollar is weak, which has the effect of lessening imported products from Canada and other countries. Currently there is a dispute between the U. S. and Canada over the Softwood Lumber Agreement; Canada proposes supplying 32 per-

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Builder/designer Marshall Hickox, vice president of Homeworks Construction, said he is seeing an increase in client demand for wood floors, cabinetry, and interior trim. As the company's principal kitchen and bath designer, he has observed a preference for natural wood

to complement natural stone surfaces, which have also gained in popularity. "Wood floors have become a status symbol," Hickox said. "This is borne out by the popularity of faux wood cabinet fronts and flooring when the budget won't accommodate solid wood. Realtors know that wood floors -- real wood floors -- is a selling point, even if they are not in the best condition."

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a degree in Building Materials and Wood Sciences, Hickox pointed out that each species of wood has its own mechanical and physical features... some react better in compression, some react better to bending, and others look better when stained. Availability, cost, mechanical properties, and physical characteristics

all need to be taken into consideration when choosing wood for a home building or remodeling project.

"Right now spruce, pine, and fir are by far the most common framing material. They are fast growing, take termite treatments extremely well, and grow straight. Many of the new engineered wood building materials, which are rated for exterior use such as siding,

are extremely durable. Some even take stains and paint better than some wood sidings. For interior finishes, the most popular choices are maple and cherry, as well as various exotic hardwoods for floors. With the advancements in veneer technology, exotic hardwoods are becoming more available at competitive prices," Hickox said.

<p><b>HAWAII LUMBER PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>President and Director: Hap Person, Honolulu Wood Treating</p> <p>Vice President and Director: David Lundquist, Hardware Hawaii Ace</p> <p>Treasurer and Director: Dave Kinell, Rinell Wood Systems</p> <p>Secretary and Director: Terry Inglett, Honsador</p> <p>Director: Michael Fujimoto, Hawaii Planing Mill</p> <p>Director: David Miyake, Miyake Concrete Accessories</p> <p>Director: Tom Rietow, Hale Kauai</p> <p>Director: Connie Smales, Plywood Hawaii</p>
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