Forest Products Leaders Announce New Pellet Fuel Plant

CalPellets Plant believed to be the first in California and in the US to receive both FSC® and PFI certifications

CALPELLA, CA (October 22, 2017) – Forest Energy Corporation (FEC) and Mendocino Forest Products (MFP) today announced the opening of a new plant that will make fuel pellet products primarily from Douglas fir. CalPellets™ will be sold primarily in California, with potential sales in other western states.

The plant has been certified by the Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) – making it the first plant in California to be dual-certified (FSC-C013133). The plant will produce between 1.5 and 1.75 million 40-pound bags of pellets each year (30,000 to 35,000 tons annually).

"Not all pellet plants take the step of achieving PFI certification," said Rob Davis, Owner, Forest Energy Corporation. "It assures a higher quality and consistency standard for the pellets that will come from our plant. When you purchase these pellets you can rely on the same premium performance from each bag."

Made from wood by-products and biomass residue, wood pellets are a highly efficient energy resource. Wood pellets produce more heat at a lower cost than almost any other source. Pellet fuel in stoves, furnaces, or boilers can provide the same heat as more conventional fuels, with more consistent heat delivery than firewood.

About Forest Energy Corporation

Forest Energy Corporation (FEC) was founded in 1991, and is known nationwide as a leader in the wood pellets and biomass trade. The company's mission is to develop a sustainable, biomass thermal energy industry. FEC recovers locally available biomass resources and converts them into competitive fuels, replacing fossil fuels and providing long-lasting benefits to local ecosystems. Wood pellets from FEC fuels more than 50,000 homes nationwide. The company also manufactures other products including horse bedding, densified logs, wax fire starters, loglettes and BBQ pellets—all sustainable products that come from the earth, and are good for the earth. For more information on Forest Energy Corporation, visit www.ForestEnergy.com.

About Mendocino Forest Products

The Mendocino Family of companies (Mendocino Forest Products, Mendocino Redwood Company, Humboldt Redwood, Allweather Wood), is a leading manufacturer and distributor of environmentally certified forest products throughout California and the Western U.S. Our culture is based in environmental stewardship and community support. As a leader in sustainable forest practices and quality products, Mendocino Forest Products is one of the largest suppliers of redwood and pressure-treated lumber. The company maintains FSC® certification (C013133) for its forestlands and manufacturing and distribution operations. For more information, visit www.MendoCo.com.

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