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## **Huber Engineered Woods Files Patent-Infringement Lawsuit Against Georgia-Pacific Wood Products**

*Manufacturer takes action to enforce ZIP System<sup>®</sup> product patents*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (July 22, 2016)** – Specialty products manufacturer Huber Engineered Woods LLC (“HEW”), announced today that the Charlotte, N.C., company has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC alleging that the ForceField™ Air and Water Barrier System infringes HEW’s patents for its ZIP System<sup>®</sup> sheathing and tape products. HEW filed the lawsuit in the United States District Court of the Western District of North Carolina (*Huber Engineered Woods LLC v. Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC*, Civil Action No. 3:16-cv-399).

“For more than two decades, Huber Engineered Woods has provided innovative, premium and branded solutions to its customers and builders,” said HEW President Brian Carlson. “We have consistently invested to develop a broad portfolio of patents to protect our branded products, including ZIP System sheathing and tape products and AdvanTech<sup>®</sup> flooring and sheathing panels, both of which are synonymous with innovation in the building industry.”

“Our brands have won multiple national awards and received numerous accolades and recognition in the industry, and we will vigorously defend our patents against infringement.” Carlson added.

Since its introduction in 2006, ZIP System sheathing and tape has been widely adopted by many builders as a replacement for traditional sheathing and housewrap. The innovative exterior wall and roof system consists of an enhanced moisture-resistant, engineered wood panel with a built-in, water-resistive, vapor permeable barrier that eliminates the need for housewrap or felt. Completed with taped panel seams using high-performance ZIP System™ flashing tape, the system helps protect construction timelines by creating quick dry-in status and reducing risk of rework, while providing advanced moisture protection and reduced air leakage.

ZIP System<sup>®</sup> sheathing has been named #1 in quality for two consecutive years by *Builder* magazine readers<sup>1</sup>, and ZIP System<sup>®</sup> sheathing and tape was most recently named “Best Energy Efficient Product” of the International Builders’ Show<sup>2</sup>.

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#### **About Huber Engineered Woods**

Huber Engineered Woods LLC continually strives to create innovative products that suit customers’ needs. Specialty products AdvanTech<sup>®</sup> flooring and sheathing, AdvanTech<sup>™</sup> subfloor adhesive, ZIP System<sup>®</sup> wall and ZIP System<sup>®</sup> roof products, ZIP System<sup>™</sup> tape and ZIP System<sup>™</sup> stretch tape each deliver outstanding performance, easy installation and great strength in single family, multifamily and light commercial projects. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Huber Engineered Woods has manufacturing operations in Maine, Georgia, Virginia, and Oklahoma, as well as research and development facilities in Georgia. Huber Engineered Woods also serves industrial markets with products for door manufacturers and the transportation industry. For more information, visit [huberwood.com](http://huberwood.com).

#### **About J.M. Huber Corporation**

J.M. Huber Corporation, headquartered in Edison, New Jersey (U.S.), operates a portfolio of companies with a focus on its core engineered materials businesses. Founded in 1883, today Huber is one of the largest family-owned companies in the United States. The diversified, multinational company creates products that are used in a broad range of consumer and industrial applications, including oral care, personal care, food, beverage, pharmaceuticals and building materials. For more information, see [www.huber.com](http://www.huber.com).

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<sup>1</sup> [Builder Magazine’s annual Brand Use Study](#), 2015 - 2016; exterior wall sheathing category

<sup>2</sup> [2016 “Best of IBS” Awards](#), NAHB