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Interfor Invests in Thomaston Sawmill to Grow Southern Yellow Pine Lumber Business

Investment to provide increased security for rural jobs in the Southeast

INTERFOR CORPORATION ("Interfor" or the "Company"), one of North America's largest lumber manufacturers, announced its Thomaston mill will be part of Phase II of the Southern Investment Strategy approved by its Board today.

This announcement builds on Phase I of the Southern Investment Strategy, two strategic capital projects, announced in November 2017, at the Meldrim (Georgia) and Monticello (Arkansas) sawmills.

Combining Phases I & II, Interfor is undertaking major modernizations and rebuilds at five sawmills in its US South platform to modernize technology, increase efficiency and boost production. The total combined cost of Phases I & II is expected to be \$US305 million and the projects are designed to increase production capacity by approximately 425 million board feet per year and enhance product mix and grade outturns.

"Forestry has always been a key economic driver in Georgia, and Interfor's commitment to our state is significant," said Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. "Projects like this open the door for more opportunities for our workforce. The impact that Interfor will have in Georgia goes far beyond jobs and investment, and I look forward to their continued growth."

"We are capitalizing on embedded opportunities in the South," said Duncan Davies, President & Chief Executive Officer at Interfor. "That includes an attractive fiber basket, proximity to major end use markets, a supportive business environment, and sawmills with untapped potential."

This capital investment will also protect and improve jobs in Thomaston and the surrounding area. "Well capitalized and efficient mills are better able to weather changing markets. This capital investment means we're also investing in our people through internal training programs to build the skilled workforce we need to run these modern and efficient sawmills," said Davies.

"It's incredibly exciting that a company of the size and caliber of Interfor would choose our community for such a large and important expansion project," Kyle Fletcher, Executive Director of the Thomaston-Upson Industrial Development Authority, said. "Interfor's investment represents

one of the single largest investments by a company that our area has ever seen. We are thrilled with the news.”

“As a company, Interfor is committed to building value every day—by hiring, partnering and investing in local communities to grow our global business. This investment means the Thomaston sawmill will consume more timber which is good news for local loggers and timberland owners,” said Bruce Luxmoore, Vice President, Southern Operations at Interfor. “We are excited to be investing in Thomaston and look forward to a long and strong partnership with the state and the local community.”

“We are proud to have Interfor in our community, and we pledge to do whatever we can to make Interfor-Thomaston a tremendous success,” added Fletcher.

The two other sawmills affected by the announcement are Eatonton (Georgia) and Georgetown (South Carolina) which will also see significant investment. The three projects combined will increase production capacity by approximately 275 million board feet per year, and enhance product mix and grade outturns. This is in addition to the two projects announced last fall at Meldrim (Georgia) and Monticello (Arkansas) sawmills. All capital investment projects are expected to be completed in various phases during 2019-2021.

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