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TECO and Metriguard Announce Test Machine Partnership

Sun Prairie, WI and Pullman, WA — TECO and Metriguard are excited to announce a partnership that will have Metriguard manufacturing, marketing, and servicing TECO's line of wood panel test machines. TECO began providing a customized line of test machines specifically for quality control and performance testing of structural panels like OSB and plywood in 1995. The success of their test machines has transformed how quality assurance is conducted in OSB mills around the globe, with TECO test machines operating in mills in North America, South America and Europe.

Metriguard first began manufacturing and marketing test machines for the lumber industry in 1973 and in the past 35 years has established itself and its machines as the standard in nondestructive testing and quality control of structural wood products. Metriguard equipment is used in 35 countries worldwide, including all major forest product production regions.

With this partnership, TECO's test machine business will be transferred to Metriguard in the coming months. Metriguard will take over design, manufacturing, sales and service of TECO's panel testing equipment, and its service and parts departments will be working with owners of TECO test machines already in the field. Metriguard and TECO will jointly explore next generation options for the machines, and will cooperate in new machine possibilities. "We feel extremely fortunate to be able to partner with such a well-known and respected company as Metriguard," stated Steve Winistorfer, TECO Chairman and CEO. "Our test machine clients will really benefit from the experience and expertise that Jim Logan and his group at Metriguard bring to this market." Jim Logan, Metriguard Founder and President, added, "the TECO panel test machines we'll be adding to our existing line of machines allows us to better serve the structural wood product industry. It really is a 'win' for everyone, and we particularly look forward to serving the mills that already have TECO test machines and those who need them in the future."

Based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, TECO offers certification and testing services for a wide variety of engineered wood products, including OSB, plywood, LVL, wooden I-joists, glu-lam, as well as agri-fiber panels and structural adhesives. Founded in 1933, the company is recognized to certify products for use in the U.S., Canada, and Japan, and operates testing laboratories in Oregon and Louisiana.

Metriguard, based in Pullman, Washington, is the wood products industry leader in the design and manufacture of structural lumber graders for machine stress rating, veneer graders for structural LVL production and numerous research and QC lab devices for evaluating wood properties.

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