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Mass Timber Conference will include a Multi-Level Mass Plywood Lounge, featuring Freres' Mass Ply products

See new mass timber exhibit at Oregon Convention Center March 27-29

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 15, 2023 — Freres Engineered Wood has designed and manufactured a massive Mass Ply interactive lounge, constructed by Kaufman Commercial, that will debut on March 27 at the International Mass Timber Conference (MTC) in Portland. Those interested in seeing and learning about mass timber products first-hand will want to attend the MTC.

Freres Wood is contributing an interactive Multi-Level Mass Plywood Lounge during this year's MTC. The lounge will feature Freres' exclusively patented Mass Ply products and will allow for a panoramic view of the conference floor. "The lounge is our primary contribution to the event, and it is a significant contribution," said Tyler Freres, VP of Sales at Freres Wood. "Many people anticipate our lounge design each year!"

As a stronger and more sustainable alternative to steel and concrete, Freres Mass Ply products are a game-changer in the mass timber movement. Mass Ply products are paving the way for fast, affordable, and eco-conscious solutions in future mid- to high-rise construction, and MTC attendees will have a unique opportunity to see this innovative material in action and network with the Freres team.

"This Mass Ply lounge is a mix of material grades, depending on the section of the lounge and its intended use," says Freres. "The lounge stairs and columns are made from our standard F16 grade, our Mass Ply product that is uniquely designed for long spans. The stairs were cut by our valuable market partner, TimberLab in Portland. Our Mass Ply Lam columns are 'faced' with an 'architectural appearance' finishing touch, which offers a cleaner aesthetic. The large floor platform is made of our F10 Mass Ply Panel which is specifically intended for point-supported slab systems or corridor spans, as used in the lounge design."

The lounge will also display a Mass Timber Buckling Restraining Brace (TBRB), developed and tested by the University of Utah under the guidance of Professor Chris Pantelides. The TBRB is designed to absorb the energy from a building's movement during a seismic event, so as to minimize damage to the structure. This unique product is manufactured out of Mass Ply Lams and fabricated by TimberLab.

This year's Mass Timber Conference, produced by WoodWorks and the Forest Business Network, will occur March 27-29, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore. For more

information on Mass Ply Panels, their characteristics or their role in the upcoming Mass Timber Conference, contact Tyler Freres at tyfreres@frereswood.com or 503-859-2121.

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About Freres Engineered Wood Products

[Freres Engineered Wood](#), formerly Freres Lumber Co., Inc., has a 100-year history of innovation in the wood products industry, beginning in 1922 when T.G. Freres started a small sawmill in Oregon's Santiam Canyon. Today, Freres' operations include finished plywood, lumber, veneer and structural composite lumber, Mass Ply products, biochar, and a cogeneration facility that supplies renewable power for the local area. Known for being traditionally innovative, Freres is deeply committed to its community and to sustainable forest management practices. The company uses 100 percent of the wood it processes throughout its three operations—Freres Engineered Wood Products, Freres Timber and Evergreen BioPower LCC—and six wood products facilities. Freres provides family wage jobs to nearly 500 employees. For more information, visit www.frereswood.com or call 503-859-2121.