



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PDX Terminal Featuring Mass Ply Will Open August 14**

*Terminal roof showcases 400,000 square feet of Freres Engineered Wood's Mass Ply*

**LYONS, Ore., Aug. 13, 2024** – The grand opening of PDX's new state-of-the-art terminal will occur on August 14, revealing a 9-acre mass timber roof, built with 400,000 square feet of Freres Engineered Wood's innovative Mass Ply Panels (MPP). Freres Wood is a leading engineered wood products manufacturer, excited to showcase the unmatched quality and design of their sustainable Mass Ply products in the new PDX terminal.

"We're proud to contribute to this project with such a sustainable product as Mass Ply," says the company's Vice President of Sales, Tyler Freres. "From day one, the Port of Portland has demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship with their 'forest-to-frame' approach to the terminal's design. Nearly 75 percent of the wood fiber used in our MPP was salvaged from the 2020 Labor Day wildfires in Oregon, and 100 percent of the material was sourced from local Oregon fiber."

For five years, the Freres Wood team has worked on this project alongside 30,000 locals, and they're thrilled to finally see it nearing completion. Freres executives Rob Freres, Tyler Freres, and Kyle Freres are touring the new terminal with additional project partners before the grand opening to celebrate this momentous accomplishment.

"Mass Ply has been a game-changer in the mass timber movement, so we're beyond excited to see the product play such a significant role in the new PDX terminal. It's been an honor to work alongside industry partners like TimberLab, Hoffman Construction Company, Skanska, WPI, ZGF Architects, and more, and we look forward to future projects together," says Tyler Freres.

Freres Wood's suite of Mass Ply products, including panels and beams, are setting a new standard in eco-conscious construction and effectively reshaping the industry as a whole. Compared to traditional building materials like concrete, steel, and even some lumber-based products, Mass Ply requires less energy to produce and has greater thermal and seismic performance. Additionally, Mass Ply retains carbon for the life of the product, while concrete and steel are among the country's largest sources of industrial CO2 emissions.

Starting this month, visitors can tour the impressive facility and experience firsthand the 18-million-pound roof, designed with 49 skylights and 2,425 MPP parapet panels around the perimeter to create a unique curved design. Freres Wood also provided custom wood envelopes to create visual wood enclosures for the HVAC systems and additional mechanical, electrical, and plumbing materials. Complementing the exquisite Douglas fir roof, guests will find a live,

urban forest below, as well as a dozen local shops and restaurants, including a mezzanine bar with 96 Oregon beers on tap. While the new PDX terminal officially opens to the public this month, some portions of the new terminal will continue to undergo construction until early 2026.

For more information about Freres Engineered Wood and their Mass Ply products, call 503-859-2121 or visit [www.frereswood.com](http://www.frereswood.com).

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### **About Freres Engineered Wood Products**

[Freres Engineered Wood](http://www.frereswood.com), 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 LLC—and six wood products facilities. Freres provides family wage jobs to nearly 500 employees. For more information, visit [www.frereswood.com](http://www.frereswood.com) or call 503-859-2121.