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Freres Lumber provides leadership among global community of experts *Mass Plywood Panel on display at the 2018 International Mass Timber Conference in Portland, Oregon*

LYONS, ORE. 27 MARCH, 2018—Oregon's [Freres Lumber Co.](#), inventor of the new Mass Plywood Panel (MPP), was a 2018 sponsor for the annual International [Mass Timber Conference](#) held in Portland, Oregon March 20 to 22 at the Oregon Convention Center. The conference was an opportunity for people all around the world in the wood products community to come together and share knowledge and expertise, and served as the ideal forum for Freres to showcase the developments in the product over the last year.

Freres's new [Mass Plywood Panel](#) is generating considerable excitement among this year's conference attendees. With more than 20 countries represented, 62 exhibitors and a dozen sponsors, buzz is building about Oregon's role in the development of mass timber products around the world.

Attendees also had the opportunity to visit Freres Lumber's MPP manufacturing plant in Mill City, Oregon during a destination tour on Tuesday, March 20. Plant construction was recently finished in December 2017 and MPP production is now running. "We are greeting the New Year with a new product, reaching new markets, and providing new opportunities to the construction industry. It is our sincere hope that these opportunities carry our company through another 95 years," Kyle Freres, Vice President (VP) of Operations, wrote in his latest blog post.

Mass Plywood Panels were on display at the Portland event, with a bold lounge exhibit designed by the award-winning firm Lever Architecture and KPFF Engineering. Freres supported the MTC as its Lounge Sponsor, which featured a custom-designed and constructed MPP lounge at the center of the exhibit with a 20' booth. "We appreciate our friends at Lever and KPFF who helped us showcase our unique product at this fantastic event," says Tyler Freres, Freres's VP of Sales.

Tyler Freres presented on the first day of the conference regarding the "Next Generation of Manufacturing: Structural composite lumber-based mass timber panels challenges and opportunities."

The Mass Timber Conference, co-produced by the Forest Business Network and the WoodWorks Wood Products Council, is one of the largest gatherings of cross-laminated (CLT) and mass timber experts in the world and focuses on mass timber in mid- to high-rise construction. The event explores the supply chain for CLT, nail-laminated timber, glulam beams and panels, mass plywood panels, dowel-laminated timber, and laminated veneer lumber; and the opportunities and obstacles for mass timber building in global construction.

For more information on the conference, visit www.masstimberconference.com. To learn more about Freres Lumber Company, visit www.frereslumber.com or call 503-859-2121.

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About Freres Lumber Company

Freres Lumber was established in 1922 by T.G Freres on the North Fork of Oregon's Santiam River. Over the last ninety years, and three generations of family management, the company has evolved from a small sawmill to one of Oregon's premier wood products manufacturing companies. The company now operates six plants, including a small log veneer plant, large log veneer plant, veneer drying facility, studmill, plywood plant and cogeneration facility. Freres is committed to maintaining modern manufacturing facilities, producing high-quality wood products, and providing family wage jobs to the local area. For more information, visit www.frereslumber.com or call 503-859-2121.