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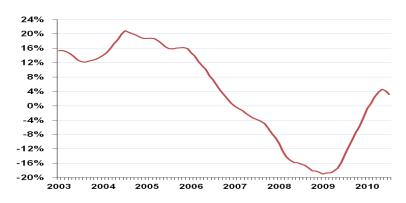


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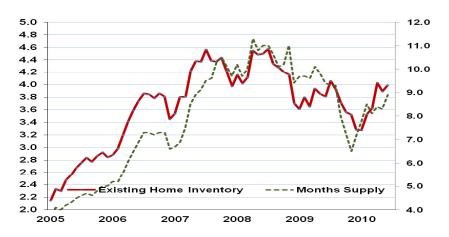
- Short-term ... what needs to happen?
  - Reduction in the overhang of vacant units for sale
  - Ebb in mortgage foreclosures
    - Success in loan modifications?
    - "Strategic walk-aways"
- Stabilization of home prices
   New Home Inventory / Months Supply



# S&P Case-Shiller Home Price Index (20 city composite-existing homes – percent change, year ago)



#### **Existing Home Inventory / Months Supply**

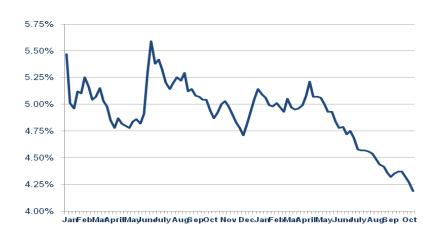




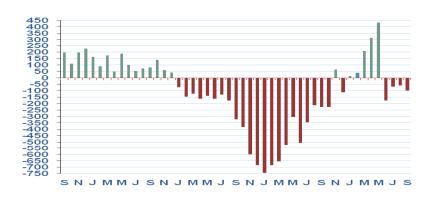
## **Market Outlook – New Housing Demand**

- Short-term ... what needs to happen?
  - Favorable credit environment
    - Low mortgage rates and reasonable access to funding
    - Financing availability for small / medium builder projects
  - Improved employment
    - Fewer jobs being lost
    - Hiring

#### 30 -Year Weekly Average Mortgage Rate



#### Number of U.S. Jobs Created/Lost (000)





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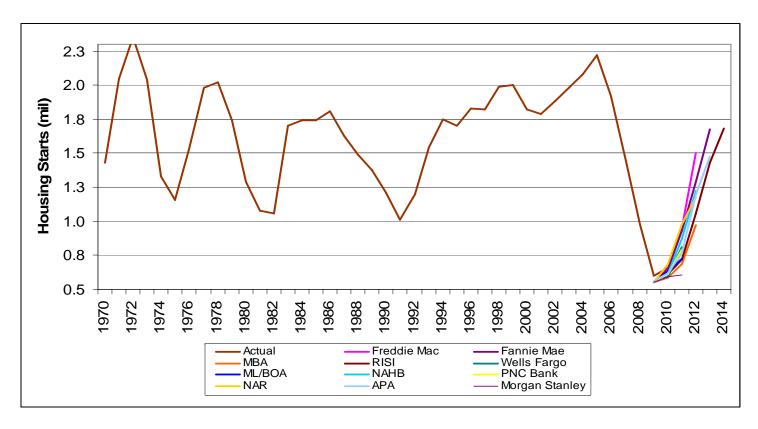
- Long-term ... outlook is more optimistic
  - Affordability in many areas is as high as it has been for years
  - Positive long-term trends and demographics including: household formations, immigration, and low interest rates
  - New housing starts sustainable at 1.73 1.89 million starts per year (2010-2020)\*
  - The question still seems to be "when", and "how fast"

<sup>\*</sup> Source: The State of the Nation's Housing – 2009, *Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University* 



## **Outlook – Housing Forecast Comparison**

#### **Single and Multi-Family Housing Starts Forecasts**



Estimates as of September 2010



## **Market Outlook - Other Demand**

- Repair / remodel demand has reached bottom
  - Consumer spending up, positive trend in consumer confidence
  - Delayed projects being started
  - Positive earnings growth at both Home Depot and Lowes
- Commercial and light industrial construction activity has slowed ... project financing issues



## LP's Businesses

#### **OSB**

- Commodity
- TechShield ® Radiant Barrier
- TopNotch ® Flooring
- Web stock, rimboard
- FlameBlock

## Engineered Wood Products

- Laminated Veneer Lumber
- I-Joist
- Laminated Strand Lumber

#### **Siding**

- SmartSide Trim
- Architectural Collection
- Precision Series
- Foundations
- CanExel

#### Other

- Moulding
- South America
- U.S. GreenFiber



## **Strategically Located Facilities Differentiate LP**



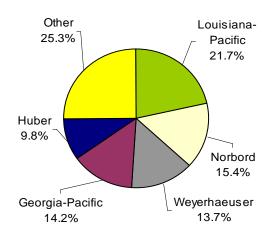
 Strategic location of plants drives efficient order-fulfillment, shipping and distribution of finished products



### Top OSB Company in North America

- 22% OSB market share and 15% market share of structural panels
  - The most mills in NA: 10 LP mills and one JV at Peace Valley
  - The largest production capacity in NA: total of 5.8 bsf
- Diverse offering includes both commodity OSB and value-added OSB
- Broadest geographic coverage in NA provides lower delivered cost
- Ability to leverage assets to support SmartSide, EWP and International strategies – strand expertise

#### **2010 OSB Market Share**



Source: RISI June 2010 Capacity Report



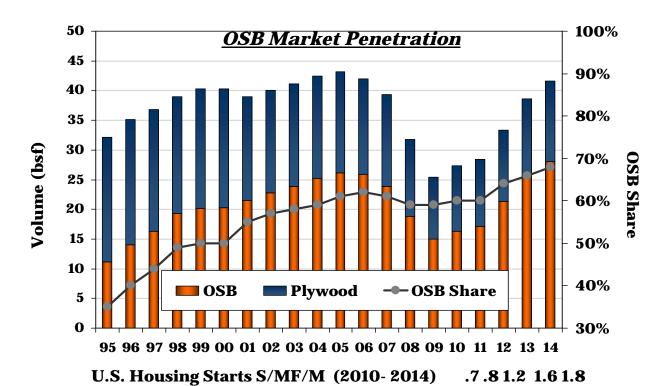
## Attractive OSB Outlook Driven By Strong Fundamentals

#### **Key Drivers of OSB Demand**

- OSB substitution for plywood
- New residential construction
- Repair/remodeling
- Industrial/light commercial

#### **LP Key Strategies**

- Balance regional LP supply and demand
- Provide lowest delivered cost
- Deliver superior quality and service
- Grow value-added OSB



Source: RISI 15 year forecast as of August 2010



## Success in Siding Provides Stability and Growth

- Leading provider of wood based siding
  - #1 producer of engineered wood siding
  - Very competitive installed cost
  - Curb appeal, easy to use, consistent
- SmartSide provides an unmatched offering to builders
  - Gaining market share from other woodbased siding products, fiber cement, and vinyl
  - Full line of lap, panel, trim and soffit at good, better and best price points
  - Strong retail presence
- International opportunity with Canexel prefinished siding
  - Deeply textured wood grain appearance in 15 colors
  - Self-aligning installation system





## SmartSide to Leverage Strong Presence in Niche Market into Broader Share Gains

#### **Strong Stability**

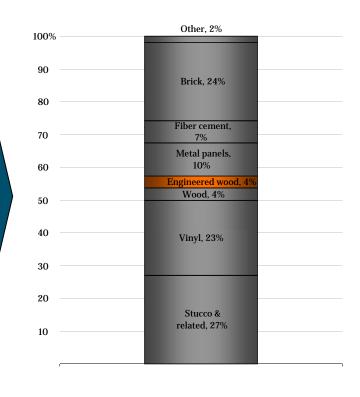
- LP currently has 75%+ share of the \$400 million engineered wood siding sub-sector
- Revenues and operating income for Siding division less sensitive to changes in housing starts due to diversity of end markets
- Improved operating income for Siding despite 40% lower housing starts in 2009 relative to 2008
- Opportunity to grow total available market to ~\$3 billion as engineered wood continues to displace fiber cement, vinyl and wood

NonResidential
\$1.5MM

New
Construction
\$2.3MM

Repair &
Remodeling
\$3.7MM

Growth Market Opportunity: Capturing
Share from Wood, Fiber cement, and Vinyl



Total 2009 Siding Market: \$7.5bn (Normalized: \$11bn)

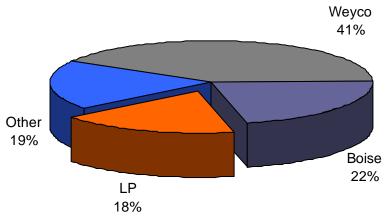
Note: Market size includes non-residential applications and trim



#### **Positioned for Strong Growth in EWP**

- #3 EWP producer in North America
  - #1 producer of solid sawn I-Joist with 220 mmlf capacity<sup>1</sup>
  - Leading provider of LVL (13.4 mmcf capacity<sup>2</sup>) and LSL (7 mmcf capacity)
- Recognized for product quality
  - Reputation matters as product awareness increases
  - Technology is driving lumber displacement: EWP provides higher quality, offers more design flexibility, and saves money and time
- Growing end market demand
  - #1 supplier to two-step independent distribution
  - Sales efforts focused on builder conversions

#### **2009 EWP Market Share**

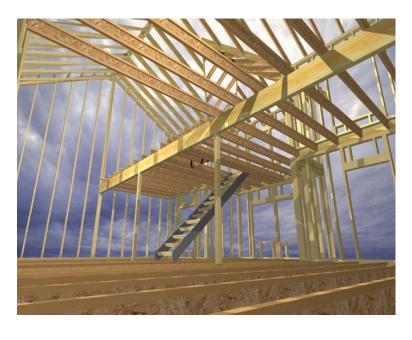


- 1 Based on production capacity
- 2 Includes 140 mmlf from JV with AbitibiBowater covering two plants in St. Prime and LaRouche, Quebec
- 3 Includes 4mmcf from marketing agreement with LVL manufacturer



## Ongoing Displacement of Lumber by EWP **Provides Significant Growth Potential**

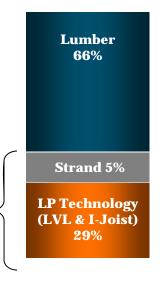
#### The "LP EWP House" **A Quality Alternative to Lumber**



- EWP offers superior technology over traditional lumber
  - Potential for EWP to capture half of traditional lumber market of ~24 BBF
- Significant room for additional displacement exists
- Continue International and non-residential growth

**Total North America EWP Potential Market** 

SCL & I-Joist: ~5 BBF (1)



Current EWP Market:

1. Volume based on 1 million housing starts



### Other Attractive Growth Opportunities

- South America
  - Chilean mills support local growth
  - Controlling interest in Brazilian OSB mill
  - Seeding other South American markets
- Mouldings ... profitable interior business at the big three home centers
- U.S. GreenFiber ... largest cellulose insulation business in North America (50% owned JV)
- Mill capacities:
  - Chile 2 facilities; 290 mmsf
  - *Brazil 390 mmsf*
  - Moulding 300 mmlf
  - *U.S. Greenfiber* 12 facilities









## LP Positioned for Upside When Market Recovers

#### **Recent Actions**

- Financial market transactions have strengthened balance sheet
- Match capacity to short-term customer demand as best we can
- Focus on product pricing over volume
- Optimized working capital
- Dedicated focus on quality

## Long-Term Strategic Focus

- Safety, compliance, quality
- Lean Six Sigma process improvement
- Matching our supply/demand with optimized pricing
- Grow value-added mix in OSB
- Continue recent retail success with specialty products
- International revenue diversification