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Logging, Sawyering, and Wood-Processing Tradeshow Announced For Morgantown, West Virginia in 2009

SAWLEX expected to draw professionals from more than 35 states to Morgantown, May 29-30

Morgantown, WV—Organizers of SAWLEX, The Sawmill & Logging Expo, announced today that the popular business-to-business trade show for the logging and sawyering industry will be held at Mylan Park in Morgantown, West Virginia in 2009. Show dates are set for May 29–30. The two-day event will feature demonstrations of timber harvesting and processing equipment, as well as outside static displays and demonstrations, inside exhibits, seminars, and workshops.

SAWLEX has earned the endorsement of The Mountain Loggers Cooperative Association. “Our association is excited to be working with SAWLEX to bring this trade event to West Virginia,” said association board member, Curt Hassler. “The heavy equipment demonstrations and displays, along with the educational aspects of the event, make SAWLEX a valuable opportunity not only for our members, but for all timber industry professionals throughout the region. In addition, the event will raise money for the WVU Children's Hospital through the Log-a-Load-for-Kids program.”

Independent Sawmill & Woodlot Management magazine, sponsor of SAWLEX, will also present two events during the expo. The Great Portable Sawmill Shootout[®], a head-to-head demonstration event with factory crews operating portable sawmills, will return to SAWLEX in 2009, as well as The Great Firewood Competition[®], a shoot-out for firewood splitting and processing equipment.

“SAWLEX is a biennial event,” says Ted Hugger, SAWLEX show director. “SAWLEX was held in Columbia, SC in 2007, and included 81 exhibiting companies in more than 113,000 net square feet of exhibit space. Logging and sawyering professionals from 36 states, Canada, and Mexico attended in 2007. The 2009 event will be held Mylan Park’s new Hazel and J.W. Ruby Community Center exposition building and on more than 200,000 sq. ft. of outdoor display and demonstration space adjacent to the facility.

Hugger says that exhibitors will display a full range of logging, transport, processing, and sawmilling equipment, including feller-bunchers, harvesters, forwarders, log loaders, skidders, portable sawmills, mulch-coloring systems, delimiters, chippers and grinders, firewood splitters and processors, conveyors, pallet equipment, dry kilns, chain saws, lumber grading and marking gear, moisture meters, safety equipment, tires, off-road trucks and equipment, ATVs, specialty trailers, and more.

SAWLEX will have a significant economic impact on the region. Organizers anticipate that as many as 5,000 equipment buyers and exhibitors will attend the event, and according to the region’s travel and tourism authorities, that will translate into hundreds of area hotel room-nights, and booming business for restaurants and stores in the area.

SAWLEX is produced by Hugger Event Management, LLC. For information on exhibiting or attending SAWLEX 09, call 207–799–1356 or visit www.sawlex.com.

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