

Palliser Lumber Sales Acquired

CALGARY, Alberta - April 19, 2006 – A private company controlled by Clay Riddell has successfully acquired 100% of Palliser Lumber Sales Ltd. (“Palliser”), a Crossfield, Alberta-based lumber remanufacturer.

Palliser is one of Canada’s leading value-added secondary manufacturers and is also a distributor of specialized lumber products. The company has been named one of Canada’s 50 Best Managed Private Companies for seven consecutive years, most recently in 2005.

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