



Evergreen Lumber and Truss Named to Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Private Companies in America in first year of eligibility

Purvis, Mississippi, August 17, 2009 – The editors of Inc. magazine have named Evergreen Lumber & Truss, Inc. a manufacturer of trusses, wall panels and framing components, to its 2009 annual list of fastest growing private companies, recognizing a three-year revenue growth of 157%.

Inc. Magazine ranks Evergreen Truss No. 2026 on its Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America, The Inc. 5000 companies are decided after extensive screening and interviews by reporters and writers for Inc.com, and inclusion on the list is considered to be one of the most prestigious awards for high-growth companies in the private sector.

"Achieving growth - any growth - during the recession which has hit the building materials industry is a testament to our team's determination and creativity. We are therefore particularly proud to be recognized by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest growing private companies in America," said Mike Mosley, Owner and General Manager of Evergreen.

"Our ability to acquire new customers and expand our existing customer relationships stems directly from our product line innovation and expansion, and our commitment to the highest level of service and product quality. I would like to thank our customers, our vendor-partners, and of course our employees for the continued belief in, and support of, Evergreen's strategic growth plan," said Tommy Buce, President of Evergreen.

"The Inc. 5000 provides the most comprehensive look ever at the most important part of the economy--the entrepreneurial part," said Inc. 5000 Project Manager Jim Melloan. "The Inc. 5000 gives an unrivaled portrait of young, underreported companies across all industries doing fascinating things with cutting-edge business models, as well as older companies that are still showing impressive growth."

"It is particularly gratifying to be named for this national recognition in Evergreen's first year of eligibility. This honor confirms the success of our strategic plan for Evergreen," said Tom Oldweiler, Chairman of Mobile, Alabama-based GST Holdings, the holding company for Evergreen.

About Evergreen Truss:

Evergreen Lumber & Truss is one of the Gulf South's largest manufacturers of wood and steel trusses and wall panels and other construction framing components. Evergreen has manufacturing plants in Purvis, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida, and administrative offices in Mobile, Alabama. For more information about Evergreen Truss, please visit www.evergreentruss.com.

About the 2009 Inc. 5000:

The Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million.