LP Building Solutions Breaks Ground on New LP® SmartSide® ExpertFinish® Manufacturing Facility in North Branch, Minnesota

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 23, 2026-- LP Building Solutions (LP), a leading manufacturer of high-performance building products, broke ground on a new LP® SmartSide® ExpertFinish® Trim & Siding manufacturing facility today in North Branch, Minnesota. The approximately 350,000-square-foot facility will be built on a recently acquired 120-acre site. It is expected to create 125 jobs at full capacity and is slated to begin production in the first quarter of 2028.

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"This investment reflects the strong momentum behind the LP SmartSide ExpertFinish portfolio and our confidence in its future," said LP CEO Jason Ringblom. "The North Branch facility expands our manufacturing network, strengthens our ability to serve customers, and reinforces our long-term commitment to Minnesota."

The North Branch facility will be the largest and most efficient ExpertFinish site in LP's network, reflecting the scale of investment and continued demand for the product. It will be LP's fourth ExpertFinish manufacturing location and the second one purpose-built for ExpertFinish production, following the opening of LP New York in 2023.

Located near key new construction and repair and remodeling markets in the Midwest, the facility will help support growing demand for LP SmartSide ExpertFinish products. Siding will be manufactured and primed at LP siding mills before being shipped to North Branch, where team members will apply one of 22 prefinished colors to create ready-to-install exterior siding products that help eliminate the need for painting after installation.

This investment builds on LP's long history in Minnesota, where the company has operated since opening its Two Harbors siding mill in 1985. Once complete, North Branch will become LP's 12th siding facility and 22nd manufacturing facility across North and South America.

"Today we celebrate the public-private partnership that helped bring LP Building Solutions to North Branch," said Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Matt Varilek. "We're invested in LP's success and grateful for their commitment to Minnesota."

The groundbreaking ceremony featured remarks from Ringblom, the Office of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's Director of Operations Rommel Lee, DEED Deputy Commissioner Kevin McKinnon, North Branch Economic Development Authority Chair Sara Paul, City of North Branch Mayor Kevin Schieber, and City Administrator Matthew Hill. Various local and state leaders also attended the event.

"The addition of the 120-acre LP SmartSide ExpertFinish manufacturing facility is a welcome development for the North Branch community," said Mayor Schieber. "Along with creating best-in-class building products, I'm impressed by LP's strong commitment to high-quality jobs and its focus on long-term employee retention. The City of North Branch continues to see strong growth, and our proactive investments in infrastructure position us well to support this new facility. Congratulations, LP Building Solutions, and welcome to the North Branch team!"

To learn more about LP SmartSide ExpertFinish Trim & Siding, click here.

About LP Building Solutions

As a leader in high-performance building solutions, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (LP Building Solutions, NYSE: LPX) manufactures engineered wood products that meet the demands of builders, remodelers, and homeowners worldwide. LP's extensive portfolio of innovative and dependable products includes siding (LP® SmartSide® Trim & Siding, LP® SmartSide® ExpertFinish® Trim & Siding, LP BuilderSeries® Lap Siding, and LP® Outdoor Building Solutions®), LP® Structural Solutions (LP® FlameBlock® Fire-Rated Sheathing, LP BurnGuard ™ FRT OSB, LP WeatherLogic® Air & Water Barrier, LP® TechShield® Radiant Barrier Sheathing, LP Legacy® Premium Sub-Flooring, and LP® TopNotch® 350 Durable Sub-Flooring) and LP® Oriented Strand Board. In addition to product solutions, LP provides industry-leading customer service and warranties. Since its founding in 1972, LP has been Building a Better World ™ by helping customers construct beautiful, durable homes while shareholders build lasting value. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, LP operates more than 20 manufacturing facilities across North and South America. For more information, visit LPCorp.com.

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