

USNR acquires Mid-South Engineering

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USNR announced today that it has recently completed the acquisition of Mid-South Engineering Co., the leading consultant and provider of engineering services to the wood products industry in North America.

USNR President George Van Hoomissen commented, "Mid-South is a great addition to USNR because it brings into the USNR family a large group of experienced professionals who know a great deal about the many things, beyond just equipment, that go into the successful building and operation of wood processing facilities. This gives USNR much greater capacity to deliver large-scale turn-key solutions to our customers."

In order to further develop USNR's turn-key capabilities and processes, USNR has promoted Jeff Stephens (formerly President of Mid-South) to the position of Senior Vice President at USNR, with responsibility for leading USNR's turn-key offerings worldwide. In this new role, Jeff will oversee both USNR personnel and key resources drawn from the Mid-South organization.

"I am really looking forward to this challenge," said Jeff Stephens. "USNR and Mid-South have worked together on sawmill and plywood mill projects for many years, and both companies have benefited from this strong relationship. It's going to be exciting to see what we can do with our combined resources to deliver the high-quality solutions our customers have been seeking."

Mid-South's longtime Vice President and CFO Marc Stewart has been appointed to replace Jeff Stephens as President of Mid-South Engineering. George Van Hoomissen commented, "Both Jeff and I have tremendous confidence in Marc's ability to lead the Mid-South organization. Marc has an excellent understanding of the business and great working relationships with its employees and customers – he'll do a fantastic job."

Although Mid-South Engineering is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of USNR, it will continue to operate as a separate business in order to preserve the company's ability to act as an independent advisor to its clients.

Founded in 1969 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mid-South Engineering now employs approximately 120 individuals who work at the company's facilities in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Maine, as well as at client facilities throughout North America. The company provides a full range of engineering, project management, and construction coordination services, primarily to clients who produce products such as lumber, plywood, LVL, OSB, MDF, paper, and pellets. You can learn more about Mid-South at www.mseco.com.

USNR operates four large manufacturing plants in the United States, Canada, and Sweden, in addition to more than a dozen regional engineering, service, and sales offices in North America and across Europe. USNR is best known around the world for providing end-to-end solutions for sawmills and planermills, including log lines, curve sawing gangs, edger lines, trim-sort-stack systems, dry kilns, and the optimization and control technologies that maximize the output and performance of that equipment. USNR is also known around the world for its Coe brand products used in the manufacture of plywood and other panel products. You can learn more about USNR and its product line at www.usnr.com.

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