

SOFTWOOD LUMBER BOARD

SOFTWOOD LUMBER RESEARCH, PROMOTION, CONSUMER EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION ORDER

BALLOT—_____ (specify region)

INSTRUCTIONS:

The nominees listed on this ballot are seeking (a large/small) company seat(s) on the Softwood Lumber Board (Board) representing the _____ Region. The _____ Region consists of _____.

Large means manufacturers for the U.S. market who account for the top two-thirds of the total annual volume of assessable softwood lumber and small means those who account for the remaining one-third of the total annual volume of assessable softwood lumber.

If your company operates in more than one region you may choose the region in which you cast a vote, but you may vote in no more than one region. Appropriate ballot(s) have been provided in this package. If there's any question please call 202-463-4705. **Submit no more than one ballot.**

Please complete ballot AND certification statement and mail it back to the Board in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

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BALLOT – _____ REGION – (LARGE/SMALL COMPANY SEAT)

Choose ___ (#) candidates only.

CANDIDATES

Name, company, state/province

Name, company, state/province

Name, company, state/province

_____(Write in)

Print Candidate Name

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I **certify** that I domestically manufactured and shipped within the United States or imported to the United States a **minimum of 15 million board feet** of softwood lumber during the twelve-month period of (date) through (date) and that I manufactured and domestically shipped or imported softwood lumber from the _____Region:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Company/Entity:_____

Phone: _____

Submission of Ballot to Board

Once you have completed and signed this ballot please place this ballot in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope and mail it to the Board. **Ballots may not be counted if incomplete. Ballots postmarked after (date) will not be counted.**

RETURN BALLOT TO: (ADDRESS)

SLB – XXX (20xx)
X Company