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Smartlam North America –Announces \$74M in Capital Investments

Investment of \$50M to Build Largest Custom Glulam Manufacturing Operation in North America (Dothan, AL) and \$24M to Fully Automate Cross Laminated Timber Plants (Columbia Falls, MT and Dothan, AL).

DOTHAN, Ala. – SmartLam North America - announced several major projects that will have a profound and significant impact to the mass timber industry (CLT/glulam).

SmartLam North America, which is the first US manufacturer and largest manufacturer in North America of cross laminated timber (CLT) announced they will build a \$50M glulam manufacturing facility in Dothan, AL. The new SmartLam facility will manufacture annually 84,000,000 board feet of large glulam beams and columns that are required to properly serve the mass timber market. SmartLam has chosen to partner with Ledinek to build a turnkey, state-of-the-art glulam facility. The new glulam facility will be 100% operational in October of 2024.

SmartLam North America CEO Derek Ratchford stated, “We are pleased to announce the new state-of-the-art custom glulam manufacturing plant which will be the largest custom glulam plant in North America.” Dothan is strategically located in Alabama to serve the Southeast, the fastest growing mass timber market in the United States. SmartLam North America has 1.5 billion board feet of available southern pine lumber annually between their four southern sawmill shareholders.

SmartLam North America will also spend an additional \$24M to fully automate the existing Dothan, AL and Columbia Falls, MT CLT facilities. This additional investment will allow each facility to produce 2,000,000 cubic feet annually.

Ratchford added, “Most mass timber glulam beams and columns are manually produced. The new glulam plant will be automated allowing SmartLam to significantly increase production and simultaneously deliver multiple mass timber projects. We are currently the largest CLT manufacturer in North America and with the CLT automation upgrades and the new glulam addition, SmartLam will become the largest mass timber producer in North America.”

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