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GLATFELTER ACHIEVES 3RD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF FORESTS LOCATED IN VIRGINIA

Locust Grove, VA – The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company today announced that all of its forest management and wood procurement operations have been independently certified in accordance with the American Forest and Paper Association’s (AF&PA) Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program.

The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company manages approximately 40,600 acres in Virginia. The company owns an additional 74,200 acres in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

Bureau Veritas Quality International (BVQI), NA of Jamestown, New York, conducted the audit of Glatfelter’s 114,800 acres of land in November. The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Glatfelter, a global manufacturer of specialty papers and engineered products headquartered in York, Pennsylvania. The mission of the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company is to provide wood fiber for Glatfelter’s papermaking facility in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

The audit certifies that the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company is in full conformance with the AF&PA SFI program standards. The SFI program is a rigorous system of environmental and conservation practices for wildlife and water quality protection, biodiversity conservation, harvesting practices and a wide range of other conservation goals. Implementation of the SFI program is mandatory for members of AF&PA. However, third-party certification is voluntary. With more than 105 million acres of land enrolled in the U.S. and Canada, the SFI program has protected hundreds of special sites, conserved the wildlife habitats of thousands of species and has been a major catalyst for the education and training of more than 43,000 loggers and foresters. To date, more than 50 million acres have been certified under the SFI standard.

“It’s good to see Glatfelter’s long standing stewardship philosophy has been confirmed by an independent reviewer,” said **James Garner**, Virginia’s State Forester. “In my experience with the company and its employees, they have always practiced this philosophy directly on their own lands as well as when they worked with Virginia’s private forest landowners,” Mr. Garner added.

“Environmental responsibility is a core value of our business and sustainable forestry practices are an important part of our long-term business success,” said **Thomas V. Bosley**, Vice President and General Manager of the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. “We are pleased to have received third-party certification, which not only affirms our current efforts in managing land for sustainable forest production, but challenges us to build our capacity as good forest resource managers,” Mr. Bosley said.

BVQI, a well-respected international auditing and certification firm, conducted a total of 40 field site visits and an extensive review of the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company’s forest management and wood procurement policies and practices. BVQI auditors identified several notable practices during the certification audit. Specifically, the auditors recognized that Glatfelter:

- Generates little damage to remaining trees during selective tree harvests
- Uses its own logging crews on private lands and provides value-added services to customers
- Uses responsible logging practices within urban areas, resulting in minimal concerns from adjacent neighbors
- Provides seedlings at cost and, in some cases, at no charge
- Enters into reforestation agreements with landowners to ensure proper replanting and provides landowners with opportunities to share in low-cost reforestation efforts

The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, headquartered in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, operates district offices in Locust Grove, Virginia as well as in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania and Salisbury, Maryland.

In addition to its Spring Grove papermaking facility and the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Glatfelter operates a papermaking facility in Neenah, Wisconsin. International operations include facilities in Germany, France, and the Philippines. The Company’s common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol GLT.