



Patriot Rail Corp.

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**PATRIOT RAIL CORP. IN PACT WITH LOUISIANA PACIFIC
FOR BUILDING MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION SITE**

Boca Raton, Fla. -- Short line railroad owner Patriot Rail Corp. announced today its Tennessee Southern line has entered into a long-term agreement with Louisiana Pacific railroad (NYSE: LPX) to operate a nine-acre distribution site in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee.

Patriot Rail Corp. was formed last year by Gary O. Marino, co-founder and former chairman, president and CEO of RailAmerica, Inc. (NYSE:RRA), to acquire short line and regional freight railroads. Tennessee Southern is its first acquisition. Marino said the Mt. Pleasant facility has received 90 rail cars containing 1.8 million board feet of building materials inventory in the first 60 days of operation.

Under the agreement, Tennessee Southern will deliver rail cars of building materials from Natco, Tennessee to the distribution facility where they will be put into inventoried and ultimately loaded on trucks for delivery to an end user. The facility, which cost \$250,000 to construct, has shipped 40 truckloads of building materials from the facility to end users in nine states. Peak inventories at the site are expected to exceed three million board feet.

The TSRR, headquartered in Mt. Pleasant, operates in Middle Tennessee and Northwestern Alabama. It interchanges rail traffic with CSX at Natco, Tennessee and with inland barge lines through its port facility at Florence, Alabama where freight is transferred to and from barges on the Tennessee River onto rail and truck. The TSRR principally hauls wood products, fertilizer, steel,

slag, soapstone and LP gas. It currently has a staff of 25 employees and operates a fleet of eight locomotives.

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