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**ARBOR WOOD CO. ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT WITH JARTEK TO PURCHASE 3 MILLION BOARD-FEET THERMOKILN**

**Purchase Kicks Off Phased Expansion to Meet Increasing Customer Demand**

St. Joe, IN, December 9, 2024 — Arbor Wood Co. (AWCO), a leading US manufacturer of high-quality thermally modified wood products, is pleased to announce it has entered into an agreement to purchase a new thermokiln from Finland-based Jartek, a leading global manufacturer of wood thermal modification technology. AWCO's annual production will increase by three million board-feet as a result. Jartek's thermokiln utilizes state-of-the-art, open-system technology to modify wood and underscores AWCO's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Jon Heyesen, CEO of Arbor Wood Co., said, "This purchase kicks off a phased expansion in response to our ever-increasing product demand and enables us to deliver high quality, environmentally responsible products for our customers. We selected Jartek's proprietary, open-system technology as the premiere choice for manufacturing thermally modified wood products." Heyesen continued, "2025 is shaping up to be a banner year for the company as we expand our operations in St. Joe to accommodate the Jartek thermokiln and a second milling operation."

This Jartek thermokiln will be the first of its kind in the United States and its purchase launches Phase One of AWCO's multi-kiln expansion at its Indiana manufacturing operations. The thermokiln utilizes advanced heat treatment methods to thermally modify wood products efficiently while preserving their quality and durability. With its highly automated process and energy-saving features, the thermokiln will operate at lower levels of energy consumption than standard kilns, improving AWCO's environmental footprint as a result.

Juho Luoranan, CEO of Jartek, commented, "We are thrilled to collaborate with Arbor Wood Co. on this groundbreaking project. Delivering the first thermokiln of its kind to the United States marks a significant milestone for Jartek. Arbor Wood Co.'s dedication to sustainability aligns perfectly with our mission to provide cutting-edge solutions that enhance both productivity and environmental responsibility. We look forward to building on this partnership in the years to come."

**About Arbor Wood Co.**

Arbor Wood Co. is a leading domestic manufacturer of thermally modified wood products including cladding, decking, and dimensional lumber from both hardwood and softwood species responsibly sourced in the US. The company is dedicated to sustainability, craftsmanship, and innovation, with a focus on providing environmentally responsible and high-quality products to meet the evolving needs of architects, designers, and contractors.

**About Jartek**

Jartek is a renowned global provider of wood thermal modification equipment and solutions for the sawmill industry. With a strong emphasis on technology, efficiency, and sustainability, Jartek has been at the forefront of developing cutting-edge drying systems, including their highly efficient thermokilns, which are used by wood manufacturers worldwide to enhance productivity while minimizing environmental impact.

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