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BOISE CASCADE ANNOUNCES NEW BC CALC®, THE FIRST ENGINEERED WOOD SIZING TOOL ACCESSIBLE FROM THE WEB

Boise, Idaho – Boise Cascade, L.L.C., headquartered in Boise, Idaho, has announced the launch of BC CALC®, a redesigned engineering analysis software program enabling remote online sizing of Boise Cascade products. This new tool, built for architects, engineers, home builders and retail lumber dealers, represents a significant improvement over current single-member sizing software. BC CALC®.com revolutionizes the tools used to specify framing for residential, multifamily and light commercial construction. BC CALC® is one part of Boise Cascade's “Make More, Keep More” 2017 focus on harder-working, feature-rich, profit-centered business software available at no charge to Boise Cascade dealers.

Where the original BC CALC® program was only available in a Windows desktop version and was not configured to run on the web, new BC CALC® operates in the designer's web browser and can run structural analysis from wherever there's an Internet connection using Windows, Apple and Android computers and tablets. The analysis engine has been moved to the Cloud, removing the constraints of operating systems, supported devices and software updates.

BC CALC® builds on the knowledge gained from the large user base of the desktop version of BC CALC® and adds new functionality. Features of the new BC CALC® include:

• Analysis of Boise Cascade engineered lumber and dimension lumber joists, beams and columns;

• New wood tall walls, including openings and lateral connections;

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• Linking members so loads are transferred and updated dynamically;
• A redesigned user interface focused on ease of use and enhancing productivity;
• PDF member reports for sending to engineers and code officials.

“We found that installation-related issues are the largest category of support calls for our desktop software,” said Tim Debelius, marketing services manager for Boise Cascade Engineered Wood Products. “Customer frustration with operating system compatibility should disappear with the Cloud version,” explained Debelius. “With BC CALC.com, analysis is always based on the latest product and codes, which we will keep updated,” Debelius said. “We will share improvements with customers more rapidly and without disruption as opposed to waiting for one or two updates each year as was the case with the desktop platform,” he added.

ABOUT BOISE CASCADE

Boise Cascade Company, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, manufactures engineered wood products, plywood, lumber and particleboard and distributes a broad line of building materials, including wood products manufactured by the company’s wood products division. For more information about Boise Cascade Company, visit www.bc.com.

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