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IN MEMORY OF RANDY PARKES; 1948-2007



Salmon Arm, British Columbia, June 27, 2007 – Coe Newnes McGehee (CNM) regrets to announce the sudden passing of Randy Parkes, Vice-President of Sales for Solid Wood Products. Randy was a well known and highly respected member of the forest products industry for over 30 years, in North America and globally.

Born in Vancouver, BC Canada, Randy began his career in this industry with Mainland Foundry & Engineering of Vancouver, BC. Shortly thereafter he joined CanCar (Pacific), the predecessor to Kockums CanCar (KCC), and relocated to Prince George, BC where he became an integral part of the growing sawmill industry in northern BC and Alberta.

He moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1985, when he assumed the duties of Regional Sales Manager for the South Eastern US region for KCC. In this role he undertook many other organizational responsibilities, including the transition when KCC came under new ownership as CSMI.

In 1996 Randy joined McGehee Equipment of Ukiah, CA to oversee the company's sales activities and the introduction of new technologies to the industry. He was heavily involved in the introduction of the revolutionary McGehee curve sawing gang system, as well as the RoboGuide™ edger.

McGehee Equipment and Newnes Machine joined forces and over time became part of the current Coe Newnes McGehee. Randy continued in challenging sales management roles for CNM including the appointment to Vice President of Sales for Solid Wood Products. Randy will be sadly missed by his family, as well as the many people who had the privilege to know and work with him over the years.

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