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Sewall and Forisk Introduce MillVantage™ for Assessing Wood Markets

Geospatial data, mapping and applications on wood products facilities

(Athens, Georgia—March 16, 2009) James W. Sewall Company and Forisk Consulting, LLC, are pleased to announce the release of MillVantage™, an online geodatabase of current information on mills and wood-consuming bio-energy facilities. Designed to meet the needs of forest resource managers, timberland investors, and forest industry and bio-energy investors, MillVantage provides geospatial data, mapping and applications for use in locating wood products facilities and assessing wood markets in specific geographic areas of interest.

MillVantage is available both as an online subscription service, hosted on Sewall's GeoPower™ platform, and as a fully configurable product for use with existing GIS software. Subscription service users can access data quickly and efficiently over the Web, customize queries and maps, and download map (shapefile) and database (CSV) files for reporting, using only a browser and Internet connection. Map coverage now includes 12 states in the southeastern US. To access a demo site, visit <https://geopower.jws.com/milldb>

According to Dr. Bret Vicary, Sewall's Vice President of Forestry & Natural Resource Consulting, "We are delighted to partner with Forisk. Our team offers leading-edge, user-friendly software applications and a commitment to deliver accurate, comprehensive, and timely information to our customers."

Dr. Brooks Mendell, Forisk's President, says, "The opportunity to collaborate with Sewall on MillVantage solves two client problems. One, it provides best-available market intelligence on the status and location of wood-using mills while, two, delivering this information in an easy-to-use spatial tool that clients can customize for investment and operating decisions."

Forisk Consulting, LLC, provides research, consulting, and educational services to operating, finance and strategy executives and analysts making decisions associated with timber REITs, timberlands, and wood-using energy and manufacturing facilities. Founded in 2004, Forisk has worked with clients and partners throughout the US and in nearly a dozen countries on timber and timberland investments, wood procurement, forest industry and bio-energy investments, and forest operations.

Founded in 1880, Sewall is an integrated team of geospatial, engineering and natural resource consultants who partner with clients in government, the utilities and the forest industry. The company's diverse portfolio is based on 100 years' experience in surveying, forestry consulting, and civil engineering; 60 years' in aerial mapping; and 20 years' in geospatial systems and software. In the last 10 years, Sewall's offerings have expanded to include Web services using Geospatial Web and portal technologies on the GeoPower platform.

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