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### **Court Approves \$105 Million Class Action Settlement for Cemwood Roofing Products**

Seattle, Washington — A California court has approved a \$105°million partial settlement between Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, formerly known as MacMillan Bloedel Limited, its subsidiary, MacMillan Bloedel (U.S.A.), Inc., and plaintiffs who had filed suit regarding their failed Cemwood roofing shakes. Washington, Oregon, and Idaho residents who own, owned, or acquire property on which Cemwood shakes have been installed are eligible to participate in the settlement and receive a share of the \$105 million settlement fund. To participate in the settlement, class members must file a claim form which they may obtain from the website at [www.cemwoodclaims.com](http://www.cemwoodclaims.com) or by contacting a claims representative at 1-800-708-3266.

The settlement does not include all claims against American Cemwood and class counsel will continue to pursue approximately \$350°million in claims against American Cemwood and its insurance carriers to secure additional compensation for the class. Kim D. Stephens of the Seattle law firm, Tousley Brain PLLC, was appointed by the California court to act as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in this case. Mr. Stephens said, This partial settlement provides significant, fair, and expeditious relief for homeowners with failing Cemwood roofs. We are confident of securing additional compensation for the class through continued litigation against American Cemwood its insurers.

The partial settlement includes Cemwood roofing products marketed under the following brand names: Cemwood Shakes, Permatak Shakes, Permatak II Shakes, Trieste Tiles, Pacific Slate, Royal Shakes, and Cascade Shakes. The Cemwood roofing products, composed of 2/3 Portland cement and 1/3 wood fiber, are formed to look like a cedar shake, slate or tile. Some of the products may be stamped with A/C, Permatak, the letter T, or the letter P. Many of these roofing products were sold in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

For more information, or to obtain a claim form, potential class members should visit the website at [www.cemwoodclaims.com](http://www.cemwoodclaims.com) or call the independent claims administrator at 1-800-708-3266.