

# News Release

## **AINSWORTH RECEIVES COURT APPROVAL IN CONNECTION WITH MERGER WITH NORBORD**

VANCOUVER, BC and TORONTO, ON (January 30, 2015) - Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. (TSX: ANS) (“Ainsworth”) and Norbord Inc. (TSX: NBD) (“Norbord”) today announced that the Supreme Court of British Columbia has granted a final order approving the previously announced proposed combination of Norbord and Ainsworth by way of a plan of arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

The transaction remains subject to customary conditions to closing. As previously announced, Norbord and Ainsworth are providing the U.S. Department of Justice (the “DOJ”) with the information it has requested about the transaction and are working proactively with the DOJ to ensure an expedited review process. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of all closing conditions, the transaction is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2015.

### **About Norbord**

Norbord Inc. is an international producer of wood-based panels with assets of more than \$1 billion, employing approximately 1,900 people at 13 plant locations in the United States, Europe and Canada. Norbord is one of the world’s largest producers of oriented strand board (OSB). In addition to OSB, Norbord manufactures particleboard, medium density fibreboard and related value-added products. Norbord is a publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NBD.

### **About Ainsworth**

Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. is a leading manufacturer and marketer of OSB with a focus on value-added specialty products for markets in North America and Asia. Ainsworth’s four OSB manufacturing mills, located in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, have a combined annual capacity of 2.5 billion square feet (3/8-inch basis). Ainsworth is a publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ANS.

### **Forward Looking Information**

*Certain information provided in this news release is forward-looking information pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 promulgated by the Canadian Securities Administrators. Norbord and Ainsworth believe that the expectations reflected in such information are reasonable, but no assurance is given that such expectations will be correct. Forward-looking information is based on the beliefs and assumptions of Norbord and Ainsworth based on information available at the time the assumptions were made and on management’s experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected further developments as well as other factors deemed appropriate in the circumstances. Investors are cautioned that there are risks and uncertainties related to such forward-looking information and actual results may vary. This news release contains forward-looking information concerning the anticipated completion of the transaction and the anticipated timing for completion of the transaction. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward looking information include, without limitation, the timing of receipt of any necessary third party approvals, the timing for completion and the outcome of the U.S. Department of Justice’s review and the time necessary to satisfy the conditions to closing of the transaction. There can be no assurances that any such approvals will be obtained, the U.S. Department of Justice’s review will be completed on a timely basis or with a satisfactory outcome and/or any such conditions will be met or waived. The transaction could be modified, restructured or terminated. Investors are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect the operations or financial results of Norbord, Ainsworth or the combined company are included in the joint management information circular in relation to the proposed combination and other filings made by Norbord and Ainsworth with the Canadian Securities Administrators and may be accessed through SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)), at [www.norbord.com](http://www.norbord.com) or at [www.ainsworthengineered.com](http://www.ainsworthengineered.com). The forward-looking information is made as of the*

*date of this news release and Norbord and Ainsworth assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as explicitly required by applicable securities laws.*

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