



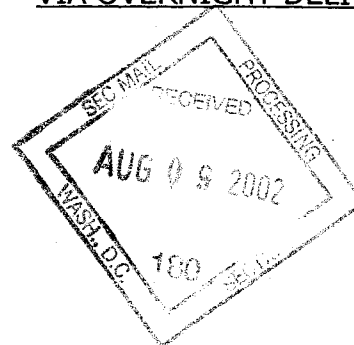
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**UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.**

August 8, 2002

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Jonathan Katz  
Secretary  
Securities & Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the required written statements signed by the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the copy enclosed and returning it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Missad  
Executive Vice President

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Encl:

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## Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Michael R. Cole, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Universal Forest Products, Inc., and except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - No covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - No covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's Audit Committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - The Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission for the period ended December 29, 2001 of Universal Forest Products, Inc.;
  - All reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K, and all definitive proxy materials of Universal Forest Products, Inc., Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - Any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Michael R. Cole  
 Michael R. Cole,  
 Principal Financial Officer  
 August 2, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 2nd day of August, 2002.

Christina A. Holderman  
 Notary Public, Kent County, MI  
 My Commission Expires:

CHRISTINA A. HOLDERMAN  
 NOTARY PUBLIC IONIA CO., MI  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUL 17, 2005  
 ACTING IN KENT COUNTY, MI

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