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**The National Hardwood Lumber Association is Accepting Nominations
for the 2008 Forest Stewardship Award until August 31, 2008.**

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – The National Hardwood Lumber Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2008 Forest Stewardship Award. Nominations are being accepted until August 31, 2008.

The 2008 Forest Stewardship Award will be presented during the 2008 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase in San Francisco, October 9-11, 2008. Award finalists will also be recognized during the ceremony.

The National Hardwood Lumber Association established the Forest Stewardship Award in 1996 to honor companies that exemplify excellence in forest stewardship.

To be considered, companies must be distinguished in five areas of forest stewardship:

- public education
- political involvement
- promotion to private forestland owners
- land management practices
- mill/business activities.

All Active, Associate and Sustaining Members of NHLA regardless of whether they own or lease timberlands are eligible and anyone can nominate a NHLA member for the Award, including a representative of the company being nominated.

To access the 2008 Forest Stewardship Application please follow the link below:

http://www.nhla.com/pdf/2008FSA_App.pdf.

Completed applications and accompanying material can be emailed, faxed (901-382-6419) or mailed to: NHLA PO Box 34518 Memphis, TN 38184-0518.

To learn more about the Forest Stewardship Award please contact Tom Walthousen, Director of Industry Relations at 901-377-9846 or email t.walthousen@nhla.com.

The world's largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents 1,600 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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