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**For Immediate Release:**

**City of Longview and Weyerhaeuser Real Estate  
Company welcome Tri-County Truss/Lyman Lumber  
to the Mint Farm Industrial Park**

The City of Longview welcomed its newest tenant, **Tri-County Truss/Lyman Lumber**, to the Mint Farm Industrial Park during the Cowlitz Economic Development Council annual luncheon on January 10. **Tri-County Truss** has purchased approximately 37 acres in the park, and hopes to have the first of three facilities on the site operational by the end of July 2006.

Tri-County Truss/Lyman Lumber's main focus is selling materials and services for use in the new residential construction industry. Lyman Lumber, the parent company, does business primarily in the upper Midwest and the Pacific Northwest, and employs approximately 1,800 people. Headquartered in Excelsior, Minnesota and privately owned by the same family since 1897, the company projects sales in 2005 will approach \$500 million.

"We are very happy with the success of our operations in the Puget Sound basin and wanted to expand in the Pacific Northwest," stated John Waldron, Lyman Lumber's senior vice president of Operations. "In 2004, there were more building permits issued along the I-5 corridor between Salem, Oregon and Tacoma, Washington than there were building permits issued between Tacoma, Washington and the Canadian border. With Longview located right in the center between Salem and Tacoma, we feel we will be perfectly positioned to grow the sales of our company in the southern portion of the Pacific Northwest."

Construction at the Tri-County Truss site will occur in three stages. The timeline for development includes:

- **July 2006** - The new state-of-the-art facility, to be called Tri-County Truss - Longview, will be the fifth truss plant that the company owns and operates. TCT Truss hopes to have about 190 people employed at the facility by 2010.

- **2007** –Construction completed for Woodinville Construction Services - South (WCS), a jobsite framing labor company expected to employ about 145 employees.
- **2007 to 2008** - Construction of a facility to be called Woodinville Lumber - South that will include a production plant that builds wall panels. By 2010, that company expects to employ about 148 employees.

“The people who have worked for Lyman Lumber Company for the last 108 years have made it what it is today, and these 480 people yet to be hired will play a part in helping Lyman Lumber provide future generations with the American dream of owning their own home,” stated Waldron.

“The company’s decision to build at the Mint Farm Industrial Park is an incredible employment opportunity for Longview,” said City Manager Bob Gregory. “The company culture and values, along with the potential of 480 new jobs over the next five years, will be a great asset to our community! We'd also like to thank the Cowlitz EDC for their partnership, the Workforce Development Council for its support, and most importantly Lyman Lumber Company for their professionalism and dedication to this project. We’re pleased to welcome Tri-County Truss as a member of our community.”

“The announcement by Tri-County Truss as the newest tenant of the Mint Farm is a direct result of the City’s unwavering commitment and leadership,” stated Scott Dahlquist, Vice President of Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company. “Over the past 10 years, primarily leveraging the City’s vision and persistence, the City and Weyerhaeuser have cooperated to develop a world-class industrial park and pave the way for more jobs and investment in the Longview community.”

The public/private partnership at the Mint Farm between the City and Weyerhaeuser began over ten years ago when Weyerhaeuser sold 125 acres to the City. Since then, the City and the Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company have invested more than \$15MM in the project.

“The growth of our region and the ‘squeezing’ of industrial land between Seattle and Portland have made the Mint Farm Industrial Park ripe for development. We’re very optimistic about future companies who will share the same vision as Tri-County Truss,” Dahlquist said.

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*Editor’s Note: Additional information about Lyman Lumber and Tri-County Truss is available online at [www.lymanlumber.com](http://www.lymanlumber.com). Information about Mint Farm Industrial Park is available at [www.mintfarm.com](http://www.mintfarm.com), and Weyerhaeuser at [www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com).*