

## Downes And Reader Hardwood Acquires Marine Coast Lumber, Moves Milling Operations To Gorham

The move allows the miller and lumber distributor to expand their delivery area and meet rising demand in the Gorham area.

GORHAM, ME, USA, February 24, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Downes and Reader Hardwood has expanded by acquiring Maine Coast Lumber (MCL). The acquisition took place in the fall of 2016 at which time they closed MCL's York, ME and Westbrook, ME facilities. The newly merged businesses have reopened as Downes and Reader Hardwood at 9 Laurence Drive in Gorham, ME. Click here for new location directions.



"The location change was a strategic choice. It more than doubled the size of their largest facility, expanded our <u>delivery</u> capability and service to our current customers in the area, and allowed us to bring in a larger mix and volume of hardwoods to the current Maine Coast Lumber customers," said Jim Reader, Owner and General Manager of Downes and Reader Hardwood (www.downesandreader.com)

The company was able to retain several MCL employees from both the York and Westbrook facilities and now inventories over 5 million board feet of lumber in their combined yards in MA, PA, CT, and ME.

"We were very happy to be able to retain these MCL employees. Not only do they bring excellent skills to Downes and Reader, they are a familiar face to MCL customers who may not be as knowledgeable about our company as they were MCL," explained Reader.

Downes and Reader sells a variety of hardwoods, softwoods, exotic woods, and plywood. The company is unique in the sheer variety of woods that they sell ranging from cabinet grade plywoods to <u>marine plywood</u>. Woods include many Northern and Appalachian species, including: Red Oak, Poplar, Cherry, and Hard and Soft Maple. The company also handles Genuine Mahogany, Basswood, Walnut, Birch, Beech, Ash, Hickory, Eastern White Pine, Spanish Cedar and others.

Downes and Reader has been in business for over 40 years and offers <u>milling</u> services, delivery, and works with wholesale clients and retail customers in the U.S. and Canada.

The Gorham location is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Product inquiries should contact sales@downesandreader.com or call 800-788-5568 or 207-887-2070.

About Downes and Reader Hardwood: Downes & Reader Hardwood, Co. has been providing topquality milled woods in MA and CT for over 40 years. The company offers milling services and delivery in the Eastern U.S. and is a member of the NHLA, Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Inc., Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Assoc., Wood Product Manufacturers Assoc. and the Penn-York Lumber-men's Club. The company is very active in promoting the forest product industry as a sustainable resource. This press release can be viewed online at: http://www.einpresswire.com

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