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### **Pike Road Takes the LEED in Green Living First EnergyKey Demonstration Home Will Reside in The Waters**

*Montgomery, Ala.* – The Town of Pike Road, located just outside of Montgomery, will soon become the first city to bring an EnergyKey Demonstration Home to Alabama.

Developed by the Home Builders Association of Alabama (HBAA) in partnership with the Alabama Department of Economic, Community Affairs and Southface Energy Institute, this EnergyKey Demonstration Home voluntary program gives Alabama a statewide energy efficiency plan developed by builders, for builders. The program stresses agreement with established energy benchmarks, with expansion to include water and waste reduction features, creating a truly “green” home potential.

The home will highlight new and original green products such as BluWood, manufactured exclusively by Edgefield Lumber Company headquartered in Loxley, Ala. BluWood is a mold, moisture, fungi and termite resistant lumber, increasing the sustainability of a structure and indoor air quality.

“We selected BluWood for the demonstration home because it is innovative,” said Nathan Norris, director of marketing and design for The Waters. “We are looking to use products that uphold the sustainability of the home, make sense over the long haul and make the home inheritable. BluWood satisfies all of that; plus it makes the home healthier to live in.”

According to Greg Wells, vice president of sales for Edgefield Lumber Company, “The ‘green’ aspect of building is becoming an important factor in choosing to build with BluWood, as builders are being asked to use products that do not contain chemicals that are potentially harmful to the house or job site.”

The 2,240-square-foot house will also receive silver LEED certification once completed making it the first LEED for homes demonstration home in Alabama. Provided by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes is a rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes. The program is designed to encourage the transformation of mainstream homebuilding toward more sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

The new house, located at The Waters, is built by Parker Bros. Construction of Millbrook, Ala. The largest new home community in River Region, The Waters is characterized by traditional southern architecture, walkable streets, hundreds of acres of parks and walking trails, a 200-acre lake and healthy living. The house will feature three bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and an additional 1,926 square feet of basement and attic.

Details of the EnergyKey Demonstration Home, The Waters and BluWood will be displayed at the EcoMAX HomeExpo. The conference will take place August 22-23 at The Alcazar Shrine at 555 Eastern Boulevard in Montgomery.

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### **About Edgefield Lumber Company**

Founded in 2007 Edgefield Lumber Company is headquartered in Loxley, Ala., and offers smart solutions for home builders in the Gulf South region. The company's management includes Mason McGowin III, president; Greg Wells, vice president of sales; and Randell Robinson, vice president of operations.

Edgefield Lumber Company serves the gulf coastal region including Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and the Florida panhandle. With a capacity to treat upwards of 50 million board feet of lumber per year, Edgefield is poised for growth.

As the region's exclusive manufacturer of BluWood, a lumber resistant to mold, moisture, fungi and termites, Edgefield Lumber Company is committed to providing its customers with materials to Build Bright.

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