

**Lanoga Corporation to Purchase
Hoida Lumber & Components**

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Redmond based Lanoga Corporation announced today the purchase of substantially all the assets of Hoida Lumber and Components, a large independent lumberyard and component operation based in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Lanoga President and CEO, Paul Hylbert, said, "we are very excited about having Hoida join our Lanoga team. Don and Jim Hoida and their people have developed a terrific business. In addition to giving us a strong presence in the Green Bay and Appleton markets for building products distribution, Hoida trusses and wall panels are sold statewide and even into Illinois, and this component expertise will add nicely to the product mix of our United Building Center locations in the area."

Hoida's team of 150 people will remain in place, with Don Hoida and Jim Hoida retaining leadership roles in the company. "We see this as an opportunity for growth," explained Don Hoida. "In addition to the prospect of adding component sales to UBC markets, we will be enhancing our product lines to expand the value we bring to existing customers in our local market."

Hoida added that the desire to keep his firm competitive was the reason for this partnership.

"We have great strength in the local marketplace and are in a solid financial condition. The reality of today's economy is that to grow and continue to be successful, we would have to expand by acquiring other businesses, or merge with a company that would provide us with opportunities to increase our sales through already established networks and outlets. UBC brings that to the table. Its approach to business is very complementary to what we do at Hoida."

Terms were not disclosed.

About the firms:

Hoida Lumber & Components was founded in Green Bay in 1941. It currently serves customers throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois. **United Building Centers** (UBC), with corporate headquarters in Winona, Minnesota, has 135 facilities in a fourteen state area ranging from the upper Midwest to the Rocky Mountain region. In addition to UBC, **Lanoga** has three other divisions including **Spenard** in Alaska, **Lumbermen's** on the West Coast, and **Home Lumber** in Colorado.

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