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SWANSON GROUP'S GLENDALE OPERATIONS
LATEST TO EARN CERTIFICATION

PORTLAND, Ore. – Western Wood Products Association has announced the Swanson Group Manufacturing lumber sawmill in Glendale, Ore., is the latest facility to become a Quality Management System (QMS) Certified Mill.

WWPA President Michael O'Halloran said the certification is unique in the industry, as only 13 other plants in the West earned QMS Certified Mill status.

“This certification reflects the Swanson Group’s commitment to quality throughout its lumber operations,” he said.

The WWPA QMS program is designed to assist mills in managing lumber manufacturing by utilizing process control and other modern quality techniques. The program covers all levels of production, from the log deck to the shipping dock.

Each step of the manufacturing process is documented and then monitored to promote continuous improvement. WWPA conducts regular audits at QMS Certified mills to provide independent verification of mill practices and suggest improvements.

Mills earning certification can place the WWPA QMS logo on lumber paper wrap, invoices, shipping documentation.

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WWPA is the only lumber association in North America to offer the QMS program. Other companies that have recently completed QMS certification for mills include Stimson Lumber Co., Columbia Vista Corp., Bennett Forest Industries and Interfor Pacific. Four other mills are in the process to gain QMS certification in the coming months.

Western Wood Products Association represents lumber manufacturers in the 12 Western states and Alaska. Based in Portland, WWPA delivers quality standards, technical, product support and business information services to the industry.

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