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## MEMORANDUM

To: CLSAB Members

From: Chuck Dentelbeck, President & CEO

- **Date**: July 21, 2023
- Subject: CLSAB Approved MSR Machines

The following MSR Machines are currently approved by the CLSAB:

Grading Machines Approved by the CLSAB Operations Committee			
Grading Machine	Operation limitations		
1. C-L-T - Continuous Lumber			
Tester			
2. Metriguard Model 7200ls			
3. XLG (X-Ray Lumber Gauge)	<ul> <li>the use of visual slope of grain requirements for the various grade levels as found in ASTM D-245 unless the X-Ray Lumber Gauge is used in conjunction with another method to evaluate slope of grain</li> <li>the moisture content of the stock being controlled and taken into account for the design value assignments</li> <li>the use of accredited agency quality control and certification procedures. If short runs are made, intensive sampling will be done through the accredited agency quality control program.</li> </ul>		
4. XLG (X-Ray Lumber Gauge) and XLG with E-valuator	<ul> <li>Operational feed speed 800 ft/min – 2500 ft/min</li> <li>Operational temperature -30° C to 50° C</li> <li>Material sizes 2x3 to 2x12</li> <li>Metric thickness 33 mm to 55 mm</li> <li>Metric width 70 mm to 300 mm</li> <li>To eliminate planer noise that may affect the laser profile subsystem the machine must not be close-coupled with the planer and board flow must be relatively smooth. Abrupt changes in feed speed and non-fluent board flow adversely affect frequency measurement and should be avoided.</li> </ul>		
5. Cook Bolinder - Model SG-TF			
6. Dart MSR Testing Machine			
7. Computermatic MK5A			
8. Dynagrade - Model 1B - and Model 1B HC			
9. Wescalco - Model 21250LC1			
10. Wescalco Electronic Board Tester - Model #2(ETB-2)			

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11. Conception R.P. Inc Model CRP 360	<ul> <li>Machine environmental conditions:         <ul> <li>Ambient operating temperature-0 to 50 degrees Celsius</li> <li>Ambient humidity conditions-up to 90% humidity, no condensing</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Operational speed</u> -The maximum operational speed is up to 1200 feet per minute.</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> -The thickness range is up to 2 inches</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> -The lumber width range is from 3 inches to 6 inches.</li> <li><u>Length capacity</u> -The minimum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is four feet.</li> </ul>				
12. CRIQ Transverse Machines:	<ul> <li><u>Lumber temperature</u> -The recommended lumber temperature operating range is -20° C and up.</li> <li><u>Number of grades</u> - Four different grades simultaneously</li> <li><u>Temperature</u> - The equipment shall be operating at temperature above</li> </ul>				
a. MODEL: TMG- #630- PE32374	<ul> <li>freezing point 32° F (0°C).</li> <li><u>Humidity</u> - The recommended environmental operating range for humidity is a maximum of 85% (non condensing). No lower limit.</li> <li><u>Operational speed</u> - The maximum operation speed is 160 pieces per minute.</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> - The thickness range is from 0 inches to 2 inches. Variance in thickness has no mechanical influence on the machine.</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> - The lumber width range is from 3 inches to 4 inches.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li><u>Lumber length</u> - The minimum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is six feet. The maximum length is nine feet.</li> <li><u>Lumber temperature</u> - The recommended lumber temperature operating range is -4<sup>o</sup> F (-20<sup>o</sup> C) as lower limit. No upper limit.</li> <li><u>Number of grades</u> - The capacity to segregate up to three different grade categories simultaneously.</li> </ul>				
13. CRIQ Transverse Machines: a. MODEL: TMG-16 #630- PE33389 Machine:	<ul> <li><u>Temperature</u> - The equipment shall be operating at temperature above freezing point 32° F (0° C)</li> <li><u>Humidity</u> -The recommended environmental operating range for humidity is &lt;85% (non-condensing). No lower limit.</li> <li><u>Operational speed</u> -The maximum operation speed is 240 pieces per minute.</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> -The thickness range is from 0 inches to 2 inches. Variance in thickness has no mechanical influence on the machine.</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> -The lumber width range is from 3 inches to 6 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber length</u> -The minimum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is five feet. The maximum length is sixteen feet.</li> <li><u>Lumber temperature</u> -The recommended lumber temperature operating range is -4° F (-20° C) as lower limit. No upper limit.</li> <li><u>Number of grades</u> -The capacity to segregate up to three different grade categories simultaneously.</li> </ul>				
14. Dynalyse AB Precigrader MSR Grading Machine	<ul> <li><u>Temperature</u> - The equipment shall be operating at temperature conditions between 5°C and 35°C</li> <li><u>Humidity</u> -The recommended environmental operating range for humidity is &lt; 85% (non-condensing). No lower limit.</li> <li><u>Operational speed</u> -The maximum operation speed is 180 pieces per minute.(chain velocity from 0.2 to 1.3 m/s)</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> -The thickness range is from 0.79 inches to 4.13 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> -The lumber width range is from 2.36 inches to 1.81 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber length</u> -The minimum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is 4 feet. The maximum length is 24 feet. Lumber lengths may vary within 15 feet for one grading session.</li> <li><u>Lumber moisture content</u> - The moisture content of lumber shall be 19% and under.</li> </ul>				

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15. RE - III MSR Machine – previously known as Thumper - III	<ul> <li>Lumber sizes:</li> <li>Thickness up to 4 inches</li> <li>Width up to 12 inches</li> <li>Length up to 24 feet</li> <li>Lumber Temperature range:</li> <li>Dry lumber: -50° C to 50° C. When dry lumber is processed while frozen, CUSUM samples must be warmed to between 10° C and 30° C before being bench tested.</li> <li>Green lumber: 0° C to 50° C</li> <li>Maximum speed is 200 pieces per minute with a lug chain maximum speed of 350 feet per minute. Higher rates could be obtained by putting in two Thumper units evaluating every other board.</li> <li>The use of accredited agency quality control and product certification procedures.</li> </ul>			
16. A-Grader by Falcon Engineering Limited	As per manufacturer specifications			
17. Metriguard Model 2350 Sonic Lumber Grader	<ul> <li><u>Operating Temperature</u> - The equipment shall be operating at temperature conditions between -10°C and 45°C</li> <li><u>Humidity</u> - The recommended environmental operating range for humidity is &lt;95% (non-condensing). No lower limit.</li> <li><u>Operational speed</u> -The maximum operation speed is 250 pieces per minute.</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> - The thickness range is from 0.75 inch to 4.0 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> - The lumber width range is from 2.5 inches to 11.4 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber length</u> - The minimum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is four feet. The maximum length is twenty-four feet.</li> <li><u>Lumber temperature</u> -         <ul> <li>MC &lt; 20 % : -20°C to 50°C</li> <li>MC ≥ 20% : 0°C to 50°C.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
18. Calibre Equipment - Ecoustic Grader	<ul> <li><u>Operational speed</u> -The maximum operation speed is 240 pieces per minute.</li> <li><u>Lumber thickness</u> - The maximum thickness is 12 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber width</u> - The maximum lumber width is 14 inches.</li> <li><u>Lumber length</u> - The maximum length of a piece of lumber that can be effectively graded is 28 feet.</li> <li><u>Lumber temperature</u> -         <ul> <li>MC &lt; 20 % : -20°C to 50°C</li> <li>MC ≥ 20 % : 0°C to 50°C.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
19. Brookhuis Micro Electronics – Timber Grader mtg	With InternalWith ExternalStress Wave Activator*Stress Wave Activator*Maximum operating speed:30 boards per minute30 boards per minuteWidth:2 to 10 inches2 to 15 inchesThickness:0.6 to 4.5 inches0.6 to 12 inchesLength:1.6 to 26.2 feet1.6 to 65 feetMachine temperature:-10°C to 50°C-10°C to 50°CLumber temperature:MC < 20%: 0°C to 50°C			

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20. Brookhuis Micro Electronics – mtgBATCH	<u>Maximum operating</u> <u>speed:</u>	30 boards per minute		
	<u>Width:</u>	2 to 10 inches		
	Thickness:	0.6 to 4.5 inches		
	<u>Length:</u>	1.6 to 26.2 feet		
	Machine temperature:	-10°C to 50°C		
	Lumber temperature:	MC < 20%: 0°C to 50°C		
		MC ≥ 20%: 0°C to 50°C		
	<u>Note:</u>	Not intended for lumber treated by a fire retardant.		
		Not intended for finger joined lumber.		
21. Brookhuis Micro Electronics – mtgESCAN	Maximum operating speed:	180 boards per minute		
	Width:	2 to 10 inches		
	<u>Thickness:</u>	0.6 to 4.5 inches		
	Length:	1.6 to 26.2 feet		
	Machine temperature:	-10°C to 50°C		
	Lumber temperature:	MC < 20%: 0°C to 50°C		
		MC ≥ 20%: 0°C to 50°C		
	Notes:	Not intended for lumber treated by a fire retardant.		
		Not intended for finger joined lumber.		
22. SmartMill BD Inc. – MLL –	Maximum operating	6 to 12 feet $\rightarrow$ 200 boards per minute		
MSR Lug Loader	<u>speed:</u>	14 to 16 feet $\rightarrow$ 140 boards per minute		
and the large states the	<u>Width:</u>	2.5 to 5.5 inches		
previously known as the	<u>Thickness:</u>	1.5 inches		
VAB Machines – MLL – MSR	Length:	6 to 16 feet		
Lug Loader	<u>Lumber moisture</u> <u>content:</u>	10% to 25% MC		
	Machine temperature:	-10°C to 40°C <sup>1</sup>		
	Lumber temperature:	-30°C to 40°C		
	MSR Grades:	2x3 and 2x4 $\rightarrow$ 1200Fb-1.2E to 3000Fb-2.4E		
		2x6 → 1200Fb-1.2E to 2400Fb-2.0E <sup>2</sup>		
	Notes:	<sup>1</sup> Manufacturer recommends use of heated compressed air for operation under 0°C.		
		<sup>2</sup> Additional testing will be required for 2x6 MSR grades higher than 2400Fb-2.0E.		

Because machine approval applications are submitted by CLSAB Accredited Agencies - CLSAB does not have the addresses or contacts of the manufacturers of a specific machine.