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Commissioner Gipson Commends the Greater Grenada Partnership for their Efforts in Mississippi Timber Business Expansion

JACKSON, Miss. – Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson congratulates the Greater Grenada Partnership (GGP) for securing the largest capital investment industrial project in the organization’s history with a timber-related business.

“I applaud the effort of the Greater Grenada Partnership in bringing Highland Timber, LLC to the state of Mississippi,” Commissioner Gipson said. “Timber is the leading agricultural commodity in over half of Mississippi counties and is the third largest commodity in the state, so I am excited to hear of further growth in our timber industry.”

GGP CEO Matthew Harrison announced October 9, 2023, its strategic partnership with Highland Grenada, LLC, an affiliate of Highland Pellets, LLC. Highland Pellets is a Pine Bluff-based wood pellet producer that supplies sustainably sourced, renewable, biomass for export where it is used as fuel for renewable base load electricity production at a converted coal power plant.

“The arrival of Highland Grenada, LLC., exemplifies our unwavering dedication to forging a sustainable manufacturing future,” Harrison said. “For the last 22 months, our team has been working to reach this important milestone and we have finally arrived.”

This facility will bring positive impacts to Mississippi by utilizing residual wood waste from sawmills; aid the forestry economy including truckers, railways, loggers and landowners; and promote responsible forest management to ensure healthy forests for future generations.

Visit <https://timber.mdac.ms.gov/> to learn more about the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce’s Timber Commerce Division.

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Photo attached.



The Highland Grenada facility in Mississippi will be a replica of Highland Pellets' main facility located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and located on the site pictured.