

PRESS RELEASE

The W³Net™ Commerce Platform, Developed by World Wide Wood Network, Ltd., Ranks Among Leading Trading Network Platforms

June 18, 2002 (Yelm, Washington): When World Wide Wood Network™ set out to become a leader in providing information and supply chain management tools to the Wood Products and Building Materials Industry in February 2000, they couldn't find an acceptable Trading Network Platform available for their use. So, they decided to build their own. Now its *patent pending* W³Net™ Commerce Platform ranks among the top 25 Trading Network Platforms in the World according to a recent eMarketect™ survey. To view the survey announcement go to http://www.emarketect.com/articles/show_articles.cfm?id=111.

"We started the development of our Commerce Platform with a focus on transactional processing and supply chain event management within the substantially fragmented wood products distribution network," explains Co-Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas J. Westbrook. "In the process we have developed a collaborative business operating platform (CBOS™) that has extraordinary application across the broad spectrum of supply chain vertical industries. Designed to network suppliers, customers and third party service providers through a common portal interface, CBOS™ can be delivered to customers in a rapidly deployable application that is overlaid on top of their existing back office systems."

According to Lou van Dyk, IT Manager for World Wide Wood Network™, "Utilizing best of class technologies and a J2EE development environment, we have created a Trading Network Platform that integrates our flexible, yet secure, W³Net™ Document Exchange Platform with the robust functionality of our Commerce Platform and Supplier Managed Inventory Module. Deployed in conjunction with the Vignette Business Integration Server, and other integration technologies like XML, XSLT and Web Services, enterprises can readily integrate CBOS™ to their internal applications and their supply chain partner's back office systems with minimal development time and cost."

World Wide Wood Network, Ltd., dba W³Net™, is a privately owned company with offices in Yelm, Washington. A company that facilitates the transactional and supply chain distribution process between buyers and sellers via its *patent pending* W³Net™ Commerce Platform, W³Net™ provides information and supply chain management solutions that allow users to conduct business and access

critical and timely business information within their enterprise and across their supply chain, from their desktops. W³Net™ is currently identifying channel partners that have the capacity to license and implement CBOS™ to enterprises outside of the Wood Products Industry.

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