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MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC. ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF EXCHANGE OFFER

NEW YORK, NY, August 11, 2009 -- Mercer International Inc. (Nasdaq: MERC, TSX: MRI.U) today announced that it has extended its previously announced exchange offer (the "Exchange Offer") for any and all of its outstanding 8.5% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010 (the "Old Notes"). The Exchange Offer, previously scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on August 11, 2009, will now expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on August 25, 2009, unless further extended or amended. All other terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer remain unchanged.

As of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on August 11, 2009, no Old Notes had been tendered for exchange.

Questions about the Exchange Offer or requests for additional copies of the Exchange Offer documentation may be directed to the Information Agent for the Exchange Offer, Georgeson Inc., at 1-800-267-4403 (toll free).

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Mercer International Inc. is a global pulp manufacturing company. To obtain further information on the company, please visit its web site at <http://www.mercerint.com>.

The preceding includes forward looking statements which involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Among those factors which could cause actual results to differ materially are the following: the effects of the current economic and financial turmoil, the highly cyclical nature of our business, raw material costs, our level of indebtedness, competition, foreign exchange and interest rate fluctuations, our use of derivatives, expenditures for capital projects, environmental regulation and compliance,

disruptions to our production, market conditions and other risk factors listed from time to time in our SEC reports.

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