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## **Grand Opening Held for Corrigan OSB Texas Manufacturing Plant**

*The facility employs 165*

**Corrigan, Texas – [May 31, 2018]** – Production has begun at Corrigan OSB, L.L.C., the Texas subsidiary of RoyOMartin. The new oriented strand board (OSB) manufacturing facility was celebrated yesterday with a grand-opening ceremony. Dignitaries, community partners, and others from across the region gathered to hear remarks from company leaders and take a guided plant tour.

The Corrigan facility is situated on 158 acres and has brought 165 direct jobs and more than 470 indirect jobs to east Texas. Alexandria, La.-based RoyOMartin is a major manufacturer of OSB, which is used primarily for roof and wall sheathing in residential construction. Construction of the greenfield plant in Corrigan began in July 2015, and, at full capacity, it will ship enough product by road and rail to supply OSB for approximately 70,000 U.S. homes per year.

Corrigan OSB, L.L.C. will be a licensed manufacturer of RoyOMartin-branded OSB products that may include Eclipse™ Weather Resistant Barrier, Eclipse™ Air & Moisture Barrier, Eclipse™ OSB Radiant Barrier, TuffStrand®, WindBrace®, and StructWall.

“This is a great day for east Texas,” said Roy O. Martin III, CEO of RoyOMartin. “Primarily, I want to thank the people of Corrigan and local officials for the collaborative effort that made this plant possible. We look forward to an enduring role as an active and committed member of the community.”

Martin also referenced the fortuitous state of the Texas housing market.

“Survey after survey is naming Texas municipalities – led by Dallas – as the hottest in the country for homebuyers,” he said. “Obviously, this creates demand, and Corrigan OSB will be just down the road to meet it.”

“Over the past two and half years, the construction team has coordinated hundreds of vendors, contractors, and maintenance team members to build a world-class OSB mill,” stated Terry Secrest, RoyOMartin’s vice president of OSB and corporate safety director. “The Corrigan OSB plant production team trained many days at RoyOMartin’s Louisiana facility, allowing this plant start-up to be safe and successful.”

RoyOMartin was named a 2016 Manufacturer of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. The company also has earned accolades for its safety and employee-development programs, including RoyOMartin University and WoodWorks. The former is an on-site training program that provides employees a broader perspective on the business and prepares them for advancement within

the company, while the latter is a program in local high schools that trains students for careers in the wood-products industry.

The Corrigan-Camden Independent School District is one of many school systems across Louisiana and Texas that utilizes WoodWorks. Superintendent Sherry Hughes states, “We have found WoodWorks to be successful in preparing our young adults to enter the workforce or continue on with their education after graduation. It teaches behaviors and instills principles that make its graduates valued participants in the communities in which they live. We appreciate the high-value partnership between our school and RoyOMartin.”

City of Corrigan Mayor Johnna Gibson is also pleased about the facility’s arrival. “I’m thrilled to welcome Corrigan OSB,” she said. “Beyond the jobs and the boost to the local economy, I’m excited about the company’s commitment to its employees and to the communities in which it has facilities.”

Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy expressed similar sentiments, stating, “Corrigan OSB has already had an impact on the economy of Polk County and the East Texas area. Coupled with improved quality of life for their workforce, their innovative educational and other programs will lead to long-term growth and development.”

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**About RoyOMartin and Corrigan OSB, L.L.C.**

RoyOMartin is the registered trade name of Martco L.L.C., a forestry-related and wood-products manufacturing company based in Alexandria, La. In February 2015, the selection of Corrigan, TX., was announced as the location for a new, state-of-the-art OSB manufacturing facility to be owned and operated by RoyOMartin’s Texas subsidiary, Corrigan OSB, L.L.C. RoyOMartin currently operates two manufacturing facilities in Central La., employing approximately 1,100: an OSB plant in Oakdale and a plywood and timbers plant in Chopin. For more information, visit [www.royomartin.com](http://www.royomartin.com).