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iLevel Expanding Capabilities for Pre-cut Framing

Test project proves PET framing systems aren't just for floors

Federal Way, Wash., November 18, 2010 – iLevel by Weyerhaeuser has completed a real-world test of its design and fabrication software to produce PET (precision-end trim) framing systems for walls and roofs. The test project moves iLevel one step closer to offering dealers NextPhase[®] Site Solutions tools and support services for pre-cut and labeled framing materials for the entire structural frame. www.ilevel.com/NextPhase

“Pre-cut and labeled materials are the future of structural framing,” says Mike Rasmussen, structural frame specialist for iLevel. “Because framing crews don’t have to cut materials, there’s less labor and waste. It all comes down to saving builders time and money. We’ve been doing it for years with the floor system.”

In conjunction with homebuilder Kerton Construction, iLevel designers used Javelin[®] design software to produce detailed framing plans for a 4,000-square foot custom home in Truckee, California. The software also generated detailed material lists of iLevel TimberStrand[®] LSL and other framing products, which were cut to 1/16-inch tolerances and labeled using computer-controlled equipment.

“We’d never used pre-cut and labeled framing before, but wanted to find a way to build faster and with less waste,” says Mike Kerton, owner of Kerton Construction. “Once the guys on my crew realized how to use the marks/labels to assemble the floor, wall, and

roof systems, the house came together very easily. They were very happy to put the saws away since the material was already pre-cut. All of these features saved us a tremendous amount of time. We threw a number of challenges at iLevel, including a complex floor plan with six different levels, and they were able to work it all out.”

“We computer-cut every stick in the home – from studs and plates to stair stringers,” adds iLevel’s Scott Matthews. “iLevel dealers have been providing builders with NextPhase JobPack™ floor framing systems for several years. The Truckee home was an important proof of concept for enhancing iLevel software to do this for walls and roofs. Once we’ve built what we learned on this project into the software, we will be more aggressively promoting this framing solution to dealers and builders.”

iLevel NextPhase Site Solutions provide dealers with a comprehensive package of structural building products, services, software, fabrication equipment, and marketing support for pre-cut and labeled NextPhase JobPack structural framing components. iLevel works closely with each dealer to customize the offerings to local building markets.

To learn more about iLevel NextPhase Site Solutions or to find a dealer near you, visit www.iLevel.com/NextPhase or call 888-453-8358.

About iLevel by Weyerhaeuser

iLevel by Weyerhaeuser provides the building industry’s most comprehensive and innovative collection of structural framing products, technical support and software for homes, multi-family and light construction. It is a leader in developing ways to help builders and dealers improve quality, reduce costs and streamline construction. iLevel’s Trus Joist® brand celebrates 50 years of engineered wood product innovation, building on a legacy started in 1960. All of the engineered wood products and specialty dimension lumber iLevel manufactures are SFI® certified. In addition to its own products, iLevel also distributes a range of third-party construction and finishing materials.

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