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The Madisonville/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation announced today that **B & K Wood Products LLC**, with operations on Sawmill Road, has been named **Industry of the Month** for July in the Economic Development Corporation's program for enhanced focus on Existing Industry.

Founded in 1955 by current GM Jordan Baize's great grandfather, B & K produces a wealth of wood products including hardwood lumber, standard stock, cross ties, crane mats, firewood, wood fiber, and much more. Firewood in particular has become a growth product, and they are quickly becoming America's largest producer of commercial wood fuel. In 2010, B & K was awarded Wood-Mizer's International Business Best Award.

An expansion project announced July 8th, involves a \$1.2 million investment in the community that will create 39 jobs. B & K is purchasing the former KI building on Commerce Drive to produce, manufacture, and store firewood for large retail customers. When the firewood project comes to fruition, B & K will employ over 160 citizens in the community.



For more information about B & K Wood Products, please visit www.bkwoodproducts.com

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