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New Year, New Decking: ACRE™ Delivers a Sustainable Wood-Alternative Decking Material that Looks and Feels like Real Wood

(FERNWOOD, MS—March 29, 2021—Modern Mill) As temperatures increase in the U.S., so does the demand for the perfect summer deck for homeowners to enjoy much needed time outdoors. Modern Mill, the pioneer behind the wood-alternative material ACRE, is launching a new decking that encapsulates the luxe look and feel of real wood without compromising on durability or damaging a single tree. Modern Mill seeks to offer this decking alternative to builders, architects and homeowners as demand spikes and sustainability becomes increasingly prioritized in building and design choices.

Unlike existing wood- or green-alternatives, Modern Mill's ACRE does not contain any wood or wood fiber, making it truly tree-free. Instead, ACRE is manufactured from upcycled rice hulls in the U.S. that would otherwise be landfill. Rice hulls are especially interesting as a building material because of its natural resistance to water, weather, rot, and pests—which makes ACRE a perfect material for decking. Rice hulls also give ACRE its warmth and organic feel underfoot.

“The composite and wood decking markets are growing rapidly as consumers continue to enjoy staycations, look for more backyard entertainment options and renovate their homes,” says David Murdock, President of Modern Mill. “ACRE is a perfect substitute to traditional decking products like ipe and pressure-treated lumber. It's easily painted or stained, making it the perfect canvas to express top trends like varied-color planking. Modern Mill's dimensional lumber products complete the look as a perfect material to create privacy screens, outdoor cabinetry, pergolas and anything else to build an outdoor oasis.”

ACRE fills the need for a high-performance sustainable wood-alternative decking that looks and feels more natural and comfortable than composite decking. 2021 is already shaping up to be the year of sustainable materials and eco-conscious renovations and projects. Modern Mill is thrilled to be a part of that.

ACRE decking is now available through Modern Mill or any of its partnered distributors.

- Available in 5/4" x 6" (nominal) Square-Edge or Grooved-Edge profiles in 8', 10', 12', 16', 20' lengths
- Smooth or embossed walking surface, natural wood feel and slip resistant
- Can be painted and/or stained like regular wood with readily available water-based coatings
- Easy to work with—no special tools needed
- Photo Library: [Dropbox Link](#)

About Modern Mill:

[Modern Mill](#) is a manufacturing company based in Fernwood, Mississippi that specializes in ACRE, a patented sustainable wood-alternative material. Since its inception in 2020, the company has partnered with distributors throughout the U.S. to provide quality eco-friendly trim boards, dimensional lumber, sheet goods, outdoor furniture and now decking—bringing back a rich history of craftsmanship back to Mississippi in a zero-waste factory.

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