

ROME CREEK TIMBER LLC

Oregon & Northern California



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Rome Creek Timber LLC, is a subsidiary of the Dillard, Oregon-based RLC Industries Co. (“RLC”), the sole family-owned diversified forest products company of its size in the U.S. RLC is a national wood products company with lumber, veneer, particle board, oriented strand board, and engineered wood products used in the construction industry, as well as over 750,000 acres of intensively managed forest lands.

RLC is often a foundational employer in the communities in which it operates and has strong wage and benefits package, including a non-contributory defined pension fund.

Though historically a strong and profitable company, RLC Industries was hit hard by the recession, particularly the slump in new home construction, and was facing the prospect of selling off its timber holdings in order to fund shortfalls.

The Rome Creek transaction utilizes New Markets tax credits as part of a critical debt restructuring used to preserve this important corporate citizen. RLC has pledged to continue the use of sustainable forestry practices on the 103,000 acres of forestland included in the transaction.

Key Benefits

- Preserves the jobs of RLC’s 3000+ current employees and allows for the re-hire of 700-800 more in over 80 communities throughout the country.
- Preserves a good corporate citizen that pays its workers above average wages and provides a strong benefits plan.
- Provides for the sustainable management of over 103,000 acres of timberland.

CCML allocated \$20 Million in NMTC capacity to finance the project, with Boston Community Capital and GE Finance providing an additional \$80 million in allocation. GE Capital provided the equity for the transaction, which closed December 22, 2010.

Qualifying Features

- Non-Metropolitan Counties
- Unemployment Rate over 1.8x National Average
- Oregon State-designated Economically Distressed Counties

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