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### Pat McFadden MP visits John Grimes Sawmills in Wolverhampton

Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, recently visited John Grimes Sawmills in Wolverhampton, supporting the CTI campaign to showcase best practice within the UK Timber Industry.

Mr McFadden MP was welcomed to the site by Arvid Nielsen, Operations Director of John Grimes Sawmills Ltd (JGS Ltd) and John Dibble, Managing Director of the Building & Plumbing Supplies Group, which are the parent Company of JGS Ltd.

Mr Nielsen gave the MP a tour of the site which is proud to employ 20 staff and manufacture in excess of 10,000 panels per week with yard stock capacity of over 70,000 panels. John Grimes Sawmills also provides work experience to a number of apprentices and is keen to encourage more young people to start a career in timber manufacturing.

Notably, Mr Nielsen told the MP he is keen to grow and stay in Wolverhampton area thereby offering further opportunities for employment and training.

“I was impressed with the manufacturing capability of the sawmill”, commented Mr McFadden MP. “It was good to hear that the company has plans to expand, helping the local economy to grow and creating more jobs”.

“I am aware that Timber businesses like Grimes Sawmills Ltd make a great contribution to Wolverhampton economy and I will be happy to support them locally as well as in Westminster”, he added.

Mr McFadden MP has also agreed to join the new All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Timber Industries aiming to promote the use of timber UK wide but also support local timber related companies. The new APPG has cross-party support with more than 40 parliamentarians including MPs representing Labour, Conservatives, SNP, Liberal Democrats and Northern Irish parties.

#### Notes to the editor:

Confederation of Timber Industries (CTI) was launched last year and is supported by 60 Producers, Manufacturers and Distributors of Timber Based products as well as

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their trade associations. They represent Timber Supply Chain sectors from sawmilling, timber distribution, trussed rafter manufacturing to furniture makers, paper-based household goods, timber merchants and housing construction. Further details on [www.cti-timber.org](http://www.cti-timber.org).