## Timber Automation to Acquire VAB Solutions

*Timber Automation continues their focus on producing industry-leading equipment for woodyards and sawmills by acquisition of technology leader VAB Solutions.* 

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas—April 4, 2018— <u>Timber Automation, LLC</u>, and <u>VAB Solutions</u>, Inc., today announced the acquisition of VAB Solutions by Timber Automation. VAB Solutions will become one of the Timber Automation divisions, which also include the well-known sawmill and log handling equipment manufacturers <u>Baxley Equipment</u> and <u>LogPro, LLC</u>. Timber Automation provides custom engineered equipment and control systems for woodyards and sawmills that maximize yield, increase uptime and reduce production costs. VAB Solutions offers a wide range of technology solutions for lumber production lines from sawing to planing, designed to uncover hidden value in every piece of lumber.

"We have trusted the reliability, accuracy, and innovation of VAB technology for years, regularly recommending our clients use their products. Knowing they hold similar values of quality, value and commitment to their customers, made this decision an easy one," said John Steck, President, Timber Automation. "Our experience of a consistent and rapid return on investment for our clients with their <u>Lumber Grading Optimizer</u>, gave us confidence in the technology their team provides. We knew that adding a solid technology innovator to our complementary product categories would give us an extra edge in continuing to create industry-leading offerings for our customers."

"We have always held that our products offer the best technology solutions in the market at a fair and competitive price for maximizing lumber profitability. Partnering with a strong brand like Timber Automation and their well-known divisions Baxley and LogPro, will allow us to quickly bring our valuable technology to sawmills all over the US," states Mr. Jean Bérubé, founder VAB Solutions.

VAB Solutions will continue to operate in Lévis on the South Shore of Québec City, while Timber Automation's headquarters remain in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with a manufacturing location in Baxley, GA.

## About Timber Automation

Timber Automation provides custom engineered equipment and control systems for woodyards and sawmills that maximize yield, increase uptime and reduce production costs.

## **About VAB Solutions**

In 2004, Marc Voyer and Jean Bérubé brought their love of technology and process to add value to sawmill operations in North America. VAB's close-knit team of engineers work quickly to launch the most accurate and reliable sawmill technology products in the market.