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## **Press Release**

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### **PRT Establishes Alabama Forest Seedling Nursery**

Athens, GA – November 22, 2016 – PRT USA Inc. (PRT) is pleased to announce that it will immediately commence construction of a containerized forest seedling nursery in Atmore, Alabama, in order to serve forest landowners and other customers in the Southeast U.S. Construction will be completed in early 2017, and sowing of seedlings will occur in Spring 2017, for shipping to customers for the 2017/18 planting season.

The nursery will be established at the former E.A. Hauss Nursery site in Atmore, Alabama. PRT has signed a long term lease with the Alabama Forestry Commission, which includes land, buildings and infrastructure suitable to forest seedling production. PRT will construct container growing facilities on the site, which it intends to expand over time in response to customer needs. PRT's forest seedling product offering will include longleaf, slash and loblolly pine, and other species.

PRT President and CEO Rob Miller commented: "With establishment of this facility PRT will take another step towards our goal of better serving our customers in the Southeast U.S. This region is an important forestry market in North America, which is poised to grow as the forest industry economic recovery continues and as more customers embrace the advantages of container grown seedlings. An Alabama based nursery will allow us to make PRT's containerized forest seedlings available for quick and effective turnaround deliveries during the fall and winter plant period starting in 2017."

Mr. Miller added: "We have worked diligently with the State of Alabama in order to arrive at this mutually agreeable arrangement for the former E.A. Hauss Nursery. We recognize and respect the legacy of this nursery to the State and the history of forestry in the region. We look forward to continuing this legacy by working with customers throughout the Southeast U.S. and being an integral part of their successful reforestation efforts now and in the future."

#### **About PRT**

The PRT group, through affiliates PRT USA Inc. and PRT Growing Services Ltd, is a forest seedling propagator and the largest producer of container-grown forest seedlings in North America, currently growing more than 180 million seedlings annually and operating a network of forest seedling nurseries in the US and Canada. For further information, please see PRT's website at [www.prt.com](http://www.prt.com).