

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has deemed it important and necessary for FATCO to continue to explore and research small diameter and waste material product development to meet future wood supply considerations within its sawmill operations and the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the FATCO Board of Directors has approved this small diameter and wood waste project for concept development and evaluation for the express purposes of diversifying its wood products supply into new markets were feasible; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of FATCO to remain competitive in all sectors of the market that it is now serving and that it is in the best long term interests of FATCO and the Tribe to continue to evaluate such market opportunities that provide value-added revenue from its wood products in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, Wood Waste Technology, Inc. under the guidance of Dr. Don White has developed a proposal with FATCO for a \$40,000 project with the participation of the University of Arizona to evaluate and develop market opportunities for small diameter and wood waste material; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Department has committed to providing a \$2,000 match to the project amount; and

WHEREAS, the initial concept has examined the use of wood-plastic composite materials for use in both indoor and outdoor building applications at a higher value-added basis than traditional uses of small diameter materials that may also include liquefaction into other higher use materials that may be competitive across the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is further understood that EDA may then consider providing additional capital financing for any such project up to approximately \$1.6 million based on the findings of this Business Plan Application.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves of this grant application to the Economic Development Administration in the sum of \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes to provide any necessary signatory approval for the grant application.

The foregoing resolution was on March 21 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council