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**2016 Witnessed Another Annual Record**  
**of US Hardwood Exports to SEA & GRCH Markets**

For the full year 2016, US Hardwood Exports to SEA & GRCH markets rallied to another peak at \$1.93 billion, an increase of 19% (YoY), which accounted for 55.2% of all global exports. Following a slow first half, the exports saw a mixed development towards the end of the year, particularly Greater China market had a rapid recovery in the second half of 2016, which was a 24% (YoY) increase to a record-breaking \$1.64 billion, a 7.5% higher than 2014. SEA markets declined further to \$290 million, a decrease of 3.2% (YoY).

The world value of global exports of US hardwood was US\$3.5 billion, up 7% compare to 2015. Greater China & Southeast Asia contributed 46.9% & 8.3% to the global exports respectively.

The export value of hardwood lumber and log to Greater China (China, Hong Kong and Taiwan) rose 22.5% and 29.1% respectively from previous year, reaching an all time high of \$1.21 billion for lumber and \$417 million for log, the increment was mainly due to the strongest performance from Mainland China. Hardwood lumber to China increased by 24% to \$1.19 billion, whereas log to China increased by 32% to \$404 million. Hardwood veneer to China declined continuously to \$9.8 million, down 5% (YoY). China accounted for 52.8% of US global exports of lumber and 56.4% of US global exports of log.

Southeast Asia markets were mixed, only Malaysia grew at 2.7% to US\$27.7 million due to significant increase of hardwood veneer at 34% (YoY). Vietnam, the second largest market in SEA&GRCH, went down 3.8% (YoY) to US\$199 million despite hardwood lumber and veneer increased at 2% and 5% respectively. Indonesia and Thailand slightly decreased 0.9% and 0.6% respectively from the previous year. Other markets such as Singapore and Philippines kept descending at 34.9% and 7.9% respectively.

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