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Drax Biomass appoints Peter Madden as U.S. CEO

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[Drax Biomass is developing several facilities in the U.S.](#)

Drax Biomass has announced Peter Madden as its chief executive officer of U.S. operations.

Madden brings nearly 30 years' experience in the forestry industry and will play a critical leadership role as Drax's workforce and investment in the United States grows. Madden will guide the overall strategy and oversee day-to-day operations in the United States.

Madden most recently served as the vice president of renewable energy and supply chain for Plum Creek Timber Co., headquartered in Seattle. Madden began his career in forestry in 1988 as a field technician with the Westvaco Corp. in South Carolina. In 1992, he joined Georgia-Pacific Corp. where he held various positions including operations manager, procurement manager and senior financial analyst. Madden holds a Bachelor's of Arts from Marlboro College and a Master of Science in Forestry and Master in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire.



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Drax Biomass has built manufacturing facilities in the Southeastern United States that are environmentally sound, safe, and professionally managed to meet the market demand for wood pellets. Drax Biomass is a wholly owned United States subsidiary of Drax Group plc, a major electricity generator in the United Kingdom with a commitment to producing sustainable, renewable power.

"Peter's appointment is the result of a thorough search process to identify an extraordinary leader who brings deep relationships with the U.S. forestry industry and shares Drax's values of ensuring the sustainability of the world's forests while lowering carbon emissions," said Dorothy Thompson, CEO of Drax Group. "We are delighted to have him join our team."

Drax Biomass has constructed its first BioEnergy manufacturing facilities in Amite, Mississippi, and Morehouse, Louisiana, as well as a Gulf Regional Hub storage and export facility, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. By 2016, Drax anticipates employing more than 200 full-time U.S. employees.

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