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LUMBERMEN'S OF WASHINGTON, INC. - NEW STORE ACQUISITION

(Olympia, WA., October 3, 2003) -- Lumbermen's of Washington, Inc., a 50-store chain of retail building material centers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Arizona, announced today the acquisition of Olympic Lumber, Inc. in Sequim, Washington.

An all-employee meeting was held last night in Sequim to announce the acquisition by Lumbermens to the Olympic Lumber employees. After a brief transition period, Olympic Lumber will begin operations as Lumbermens on October 13, 2003.

M. David Dittmer, President of Lumbermens, stated that, "This acquisition provides Lumbermens the opportunity to establish ourselves as the primary supplier of building products to the contractor segment on the north Olympic Peninsula. Olympic Lumber has a strategic location from which we can grow the business. We are anxious to build on the foundation that has been established here."

Olympic Lumber, like Lumbermens, is a full-service lumberyard, serving the professional builder. "The north Olympic Peninsula is an active market and it is our goal to develop strong relationships with the builder community that will move us to a position as the supplier of choice in the area," noted Dittmer. "We are very excited to be in this market. It is an area we have been interested in for some time," said Dittmer.

Lumbermens is a part of the Redmond, Washington-based Lanoga Corporation which also operates 12 units in Alaska under the name of Spenard Builders Supply and 157 units in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain states under the name of United Building Centers, 3 units under the name of Home Lumber in the greater Denver, Colorado market and 18 units under the name of Dixieline in the greater San Diego market.

