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## **Oregon Cutting Systems Introduces 18HX Harvester Saw Chain**

**Portland, Oregon: January 22, 2006** – Oregon Cutting Systems Group (OCSG), a unit of Blount Inc., is proud to introduce our new 18HX Harvester saw chain.

The new 18HX saw chain is an enhanced version of our aggressive, durable 18H chain built exclusively for mechanized timber harvesters. It features a thicker drive link, making the saw chain stronger and less likely to break. The load bearing surface of the rivets was increased to fit the thicker drive link. This consequently enlarges the contact area and lubrication surface within the moving part of the chain.

Time proven OCSG features incorporated into this saw chain include: LubriLink™, a lubrication enhancement feature that promotes reduced chain stretch and longer life, and patented OCS-01 steel alloy (US patent #5772957).

“The most notable improvement in the 18HX will be fewer chain replacements while cutting. Chains require changing when they become dull, causing the bar to bind in the cut or breaking the chain. The wider cut of 18HX allows more clearance for the bar so there is less opportunity to get caught. The thicker drive link of 18HX makes it stronger and less likely to break,” says Chris Seigneur, Senior Product Design Engineer at OCSG.

**Oregon Cutting Systems Group:** Founded in 1947, the Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc. is a world leader in providing high quality original equipment and replacement parts to the outdoor power equipment industry. Replacement products sold under the Oregon® brand name provide the industry with one of its most complete lines of parts, including saw chain, guide bars, sprockets and maintenance accessories for chainsaws; lawnmower blades, engine parts, belts, tires and service tools for mowers and other outdoor power equipment; and trimmer line, heads, and blades for trimmers and brushcutters. Oregon® replacement products are sold in more than 130 countries, and many leading manufacturers of outdoor power tools use parts made by Oregon Cutting Systems as original equipment. More information about the Oregon Cutting Systems Group and the Oregon® brand of quality replacement parts can be found at [www.oregonchain.com](http://www.oregonchain.com).