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Clark Joins Oregon Cutting Systems as Vice President of Finance

Portland, Oregon, May 10, 2005 – Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc., the world leader in chainsaw bar and chains, hired Matt Clark as the company's new Vice President of Finance. Clark, an Oregon native, brings with him a strong background in finance combined with experience in the timber industry.

Clark joins Oregon Cutting Systems from Adventist Health System West in Bakersfield, California where he was the Chief Financial Officer of San Joaquin Community Hospital for the past three and a half years. From 1992 to 2001, Clark worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Portland, and through his tenure there advanced to Senior Manager. Throughout high school and while at the University of Oregon, Clark also worked in the timber industry.

"I'm excited to be joining a quality, world-wide organization like Oregon Cutting Systems," says Clark, "especially at a time when the company is showing such strong growth."

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. The replacement products, sold under the Oregon[®] brand include: chainsaw chain, guide bars, sharpening tools, lawnmower blades, trimmer line and heads, spark plugs, belts, and air filters. More information about Oregon Cutting Systems and the Oregon[®] brand of quality replacement parts can be found at www.oregonchain.com.

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