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Blount, Inc. Contributes to Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort

Portland, Oregon, September 14, 2005 – Blount, Inc., whose Outdoor Equipment, Lawnmower, Industrial and Power Equipment products are marketed in more than 100 countries worldwide, responded to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. The company has set-up two programs to provide important cash contributions for relief efforts.

The first of these programs matches employee donations to the hurricane relief. Blount employees from the company's worldwide facilities have responded generously to the need. Already employees from Canada, the European Operations, Brazil and nine facilities in the U.S. have donated funds to help in the recovery efforts. Blount is matching these generous donations dollar for dollar.

“Every year Blount, Inc. and its employees contribute to charitable organizations,” says James S. Osterman, CEO of Blount, Inc., “However, due to the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, we wanted to stand with our employees to do more and match donations of all sizes.”

The other program involves the company's Oregon Cutting Systems Group, which manufactures and markets original equipment and replacement products for the outdoor and power equipment industries. Oregon Cutting Systems is teaming up with its US network of authorized, independent Oregon® products distributors to contribute a portion of sales to hurricane relief. During the months of September and October, participating Oregon® products distributors will contribute a portion of sales for every replacement lawnmower blade or saw chain loop sold to servicing dealers. Oregon Cutting Systems will match these contributions.

“Oregon® distributors are independent businesses in communities across the country,” states Ken Saito, President of Oregon Cutting Systems Group, “By matching their contributions, we are doubling the impact these businesses can make in helping with the disaster relief.”

Blount, Inc.: Blount, Inc. is a diversified international company with three principal business segments: Outdoor Products, Lawnmower and Industrial & Power Equipment. Blount sells its products in more than 100 countries around the world. For more information about Blount, Inc., visit www.blount.com.

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.