



Lee Enterprises Again Meets NYSE Listing Standard

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DAVENPORT, Iowa, Sep 08, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE: LEE), has returned to compliance with requirements for continued listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

In a letter dated Sept. 4, the NYSE notified Lee that its share price has risen to a sufficient level to cure a share price deficiency. The NYSE had notified Lee in December 2008 that the company was not in compliance with the NYSE's continued listing standard that requires an average closing price of at least \$1.00 per share of its publicly traded common shares over a 30-trading day period. At the time, the exchange rules granted the company a six-month period within which to cure the price deficiency. Since then, the NYSE temporarily suspended the standard through July 31, 2009, and, as a result, extended Lee's six-month cure period until Dec. 3, 2009.

Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive officer, said, "As we have noted previously, we believe the long-term prospects for our company remain strong and will become increasingly apparent to investors as the recession begins to recede. Our newspapers and online sites continue to reach the vast majority of adults in our markets, far more than any competitor, and we continue to stand out as the leading provider of local news, information and advertising in our markets."

Lee Enterprises operates 53 daily newspapers, online sites and more than 300 specialty publications in 23 states. Lee's newspapers have circulation of 1.5 million daily and 1.8 million Sunday, reaching four million readers daily. Lee's online sites attract 14 million unique visits monthly, and Lee's weekly publications have distribution of more than four million households. Lee's markets include St. Louis, Mo.; Lincoln, Neb.; Madison, Wis.; Davenport, Iowa; Billings, Mont.; Bloomington, Ill.; and Tucson, Ariz. Lee stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. For more information about Lee, please visit www.lee.net.

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