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PREFORMED LINE PRODUCTS ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE 2002 THIRD QUARTER AND FIRST NINE MONTHS

Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 2002 – **Preformed Line Products Company (Nasdaq: PLPC)** today reported financial results for the third quarter and the first nine months of 2002.

Net sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2002 were \$41,587,000, a decrease of 15% from \$49,127,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001. The Company posted a net loss of \$2,099,000 or \$.37 per share. Included in the third quarter results was a non-recurring after-tax charge of \$3,282,000 related to discontinuing its data communications operations in Europe. Excluding this one time charge, net income would have been \$1,183,000, or \$.20 per share. Net income for the third quarter of 2001 was \$158,000 or \$.03 per share. Included in the third quarter results for 2001 was a non-recurring after-tax charge of \$2,029,000 related to closing two facilities and restructuring the data communications business. Excluding this one-time charge, net income would have been \$2,187,000 or \$.38 per share.

Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 were \$130,449,000, a decrease of 14% from the prior year's \$152,063,000. Net income was \$939,000, or \$.16 per share. Excluding the one time charges, net income would have been \$4,221,000, or \$.73 per share, compared to \$6,178,000, or \$1.07 per share, in the previous year.

Rob Ruhlman, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Entering the data communications market in Europe was a calculated risk taken during the 4th quarter of 2000 in order to increase sales and further diversify the Company's product offerings. Unfortunately, the data communications market has followed the downturn of the telecommunications industry. Upon further review of our core competencies, we decided to refocus our efforts on our core products where our greatest strengths lie.

Domestically, we have been hurt by the shakeout in the telecommunications industry and in particular the virtual termination of fiber optic construction. Lower sales to the fiber optic market accounted for 70% of the Company's decrease in domestic sales of our core products for the year and 30% of the consolidated sales decrease. The collapse of the telecommunications industry in North America combined with economic problems in South America account for the majority of the remaining sales

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decrease. Our decrease in sales is attributable to shrinkage of the market size and not a loss of market share to competitors.

We continue to emphasize providing quality products and attentive service to our customers during these trying times. The Company will continue to face challenges until the telecommunication industry rebounds. In the meantime we are concentrating on improving efficiencies within our organizational structure. Our balance sheet remains strong with a current ratio of nearly 3 to1.”

In accordance with the pronouncement of The Financial Accounting Standards Board (SFAS 142), effective January 1, 2002 the Company is no longer amortizing goodwill. Goodwill amortization in the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2001 reduced earnings per share by \$.05 and \$.10 respectively.

Founded in 1947, Preformed Line Products is an international designer and manufacturer of products and systems employed in the construction and maintenance of overhead and underground networks for energy, communications and broadband network companies.

Preformed's world headquarters are in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Company operates three domestic manufacturing centers, located in Rogers, Arkansas, Albemarle, North Carolina, and Asheville, North Carolina. The Company serves its worldwide market through international operations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, England, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa and Spain.

This news release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 regarding the Company, including those statements regarding the Company's and management's beliefs and expectations concerning the Company's future performance or anticipated financial results, among others. Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this release are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in those statements. Among other things, factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements include the strength of the economy and demand for the Company's products, increases in raw material prices, the Company's ability to identify, complete and integrate acquisitions for profitable growth, and other factors described under the headings “Cautionary Statement With Respect to Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” in the Company's Form 10K filed with the SEC on March 22, 2002. The Form 10K and the Company's other filings with the SEC can be found on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events.

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STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME				
FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AND 2001				
<i>Thousands of dollars, except per share data</i>				
	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Net sales	\$ 41,587	\$ 49,127	\$ 130,449	\$ 152,063
Cost of products sold	30,054	35,609	90,420	106,354
GROSS PROFIT	11,533	13,518	40,029	45,709
Costs and expenses				
Selling	6,131	6,196	17,446	18,170
General and administrative	6,726	4,993	17,002	15,959
Research and engineering	1,370	1,498	4,504	4,617
Other operating expenses	(49)	995	115	2,010
	14,178	13,682	39,067	40,756
Royalty income - net	(217)	(414)	(1,177)	(1,614)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(2,428)	250	2,139	6,567
Other income (expense)				
Equity in net income of foreign joint ventures	122	253	325	353
Interest income	73	67	193	612
Interest expense	(162)	(336)	(537)	(1,157)
Other expense	(50)	(50)	(150)	(150)
	(17)	(66)	(169)	(342)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(2,445)	184	1,970	6,225
Income taxes (benefit)	(346)	26	1,031	2,076
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (2,099)	\$ 158	\$ 939	\$ 4,149
Net income per share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.72
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.55
Average number of shares outstanding - basic	5,769	5,757	5,764	5,754
Average number of shares outstanding - diluted	5,769	5,779	5,791	5,762

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS				
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AND DECEMBER 31, 2001				
			September 30,	December 31,
<i>Thousands of dollars, except share data</i>			2002	2001
			(Unaudited)	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents			\$ 10,187	\$ 8,409
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$2,662 (\$813 in 2001)			27,105	29,251
Inventories - net			36,232	38,637
Deferred income taxes			3,750	3,206
Prepays and other			5,184	3,727
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		82,458	83,230
Property and equipment - net			49,534	54,206
Investments in foreign joint ventures			8,202	9,976
Deferred income taxes			1,238	1,435
Goodwill, patents and other intangibles			7,290	7,410
Other			4,049	4,933
	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 152,771	\$ 161,190
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Notes payable to banks			\$ 3,173	\$ 1,201
Trade accounts payable			11,047	9,560
Accrued compensation and amounts withheld from employees			3,691	3,585
Accrued expenses and other liabilities			4,291	3,890
Accrued profit-sharing and pension contributions			3,738	4,130
Dividends payable			1,155	1,151
Income taxes			523	923
Current portion of long-term debt			1,755	13,198
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		29,373	37,638
Long-term debt, less current portion			6,621	2,341
Deferred income taxes			866	431
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Common shares - \$2 par value, 15,000,000 shares authorized, 5,772,710 and 5,757,030 issued and outstanding, net of 389,188 and 398,618 treasury shares at par			11,545	11,514
Retained earnings			126,440	128,721
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustment			(22,074)	(19,455)
	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		115,911	120,780
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		\$ 152,771	\$ 161,190