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Preformed Line Products Company's Stock Is Approved For Trading on the NASDAQ National Market

Cleveland, Ohio — September 10, 2001 — Preformed Line Products Company announced that its stock will begin trading tomorrow on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol PLPC.

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.

Preformed has built its business, which is expected to exceed \$200 million in sales in 2001, by providing technical leadership through scientific research and product development resulting in products that meet specific demands of energy, communications and broadband network companies. The Company's reputation for vibration testing, tensile testing, fiberoptic cable testing, environmental testing, field vibration monitoring and third-party contract testing is one of its major assets. The Company has 37 U.S. patents and 40 foreign patents in 10 countries and has pending three U.S. patent applications and one foreign application.

Rob Ruhlman, Preformed's President and Chief Executive Officer, said "We believe that increasing the visibility of our stock is an important component for building shareholder value. Among other benefits, trading on the Nasdaq National Market will make information about Preformed more readily available to the investing public."

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