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Piscataway, NJ – November 25, 1998 - American Standard Inc. and its parent, American Standard Companies Inc. (NYSE:ASD), announced that they have filed a joint shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering \$500 million of senior debt securities to be offered by American Standard Inc. and unconditionally guaranteed by American Standard Companies Inc. The debt securities will be available to be offered from time to time at interest rates to be determined by market conditions. Proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used for general corporate purposes including refinancing of debt.

The registration statement relating to the above-referenced securities filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission has not yet become effective. Such securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This announcement shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any offers, solicitations or sales with respect to these securities in any state in which any such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

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