



AMERICAN STANDARD TO COMMENCE SENIOR DEBT OFFERING

Piscataway, NJ -- October 21, 1997 - American Standard Inc. today announced its intent to commence an offering of \$300 million of senior debt securities which will be unconditionally guaranteed by its parent, American Standard Companies Inc. (NYSE:ASD). The Company intends to apply the proceeds from the senior debt securities to finance a portion of the planned redemption in June 1998 of its 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Senior Subordinated Discount Debentures. Pending the redemption, the Company plans to reduce borrowings under the revolving portion of its \$1.75 billion bank credit facility. The terms of the offering will be set forth in a preliminary prospectus supplement to the Company's \$1 billion shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 1. Goldman, Sachs & Co. has been named lead underwriter for the offering.

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 the referenced securities other than pursuant to the prospectus. When available, copies of the prospectus supplement may be obtained from Goldman, Sachs & Co., 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004.

The Company plans to release its third quarter 1997 results at 4PM (ET) tomorrow.

American Standard is the global, diversified manufacturer of Trane® and American Standard® air conditioning products, American Standard®, Ideal Standard®, Standard® and Porcher® plumbing products, WABCO® commercial and utility vehicle braking and control systems and LARA™ and Copalis™ medical diagnostic systems and DiaSorin™ and INCSTAR® medical diagnostic products.

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