



Bassett Finalizes the Sale of Zenith Assets to J.B. Hunt Transport

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BASSETT, Va., March 01, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: BSET) announced today that it has completed the sale of substantially all of the assets of Zenith Freight Lines, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bassett, to a wholly-owned subsidiary of J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. (NASDAQ: JBHT), one of the largest supply chain solutions providers in North America. As previously announced, the sale price is approximately \$87 million subject to a customary post-closing working capital true-up. Bassett and J.B. Hunt have also entered into a long-term agreement whereby J.B. Hunt commits to providing Bassett with the exceptional service Zenith has performed for Bassett for almost 50 years.

"We are excited to have the transaction completed and are ready to move forward with reaping the strategic benefits of partnering with J.B. Hunt to provide our middle-mile transportation and warehousing needs," said Rob Spilman, Chairman and CEO. "We will provide additional information about our capital allocation strategy following our Board of Directors meeting next week."

About Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc.

Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ:BSET), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of high quality home furnishings. With 96 company- and licensee-owned stores at the time of this release, Bassett has leveraged its strong brand name in furniture into a network of corporate and licensed stores that focus on providing consumers with a friendly environment for buying furniture and accessories. Bassett's retail strategy includes stylish, custom-built furniture that features the latest on-trend furniture styles, free in-home design visits, and coordinated decorating accessories. Bassett also has a traditional wholesale business with more than 700 accounts on the open market, across the United States and internationally and a logistics business specializing in home furnishings. For more information, visit the Company's website at bassettfurniture.com. (BSET-E)

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