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Bassett Announces Special Dividend

BASSETT, Va., Nov. 10, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq:BSET) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.20 per share special dividend payable on December 18, 2015 to shareholders of record on December 4, 2015.

"We are pleased to announce this special dividend," said Robert H. Spilman Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer. "Including this year's acquisition of Zenith Freight Lines, LLC, we have grown consolidated sales by 28% through the first three quarters of 2015. Additionally, we have doubled our operating profit thanks in large part to bringing our corporate retail division to profitability, fueled by a 16% year-to-date comparable store sales increase.

"While we celebrate these accomplishments, we will continue to closely monitor the pace of our business so that we can continue our trend of improved operating results," continued Spilman. "In addition, a strong balance sheet is fundamental to our strategy and we will use it to fund profitable growth. We believe improving operating results while maintaining a sound balance sheet is the best way to increase shareholder value. Management and our Board of Directors continually review the Company's capital allocation strategy and, when deemed appropriate, will consider a return of capital to shareholders. It is in this context that today's special dividend has been declared."

About Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc.

Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ:BSET), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of high quality, mid-priced home furnishings. With 93 company- and licensee-owned stores, 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. The most significant growth opportunity for Bassett continues to be the Company's dedicated retail store program. Bassett's retail strategy includes affordable custom-built furniture that is ready for delivery in the home within 30 days. The stores also feature the latest on-trend furniture styles, more than 1,000 upholstery fabrics, free in-home design visits, and coordinated decorating accessories. Bassett is also growing its traditional wholesale business with more than 600 accounts on the open market, across the United States and internationally. For more information, visit the Company's website at bassettfurniture.com. (BSET-E)

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