



Lee Enterprises Declares Quarterly Dividend

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DAVENPORT, Iowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 22, 2003--The Board of Directors of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE:LEE), has declared a quarterly cash dividend of 17 cents per share. The dividend is payable on April 1, 2003, to stockholders of record of both the Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as of March 3, 2003.

Lee Enterprises is based in Davenport, Iowa. Lee owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also owns more than 175 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications. Its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. More information about Lee Enterprises is available at www.lee.net.

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