



Lee Enterprises Increases Quarterly Dividend 5.9 Percent

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DAVENPORT, Iowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 12, 2003--The Board of Directors of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE:LEE), has declared a quarterly cash dividend of 18 cents per share. The dividend is payable on Jan. 2, 2004, to stockholders of record of both the Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as of Dec. 1, 2003. The dividend represents an increase of 5.9 percent from the previous quarterly amount of 17 cents.

Lee Enterprises is based in Davenport, Iowa, and is the premier publisher of daily newspapers in midsize markets. Lee owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also publishes nearly 200 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications. Lee 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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