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**LEONARD GREEN & PARTNERS, L.P. ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO SELL
WHITE CAP CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, INC. TO THE HOME DEPOT**

Los Angeles, California, May 6, 2004 – Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. announced today that it has entered into an agreement, on behalf of Green Equity Investors III, L.P., to sell White Cap Construction Supply, Inc. to The Home Depot. White Cap Construction Supply, Inc. is a leading distributor of specialty hardware, tools and materials targeting large and medium-sized construction contractors. The transaction is anticipated to close in the next 30 days, and terms were not disclosed. Completion of the transaction is subject to customary conditions.

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