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PRESS RELEASE

Knowles Lumber Winds Down Operations, Teams Up With Ware-Butler Building Supply

September 7, 2022: After 10 years in business in North Monmouth, Paul King and Bill Abbott made the decision to close Knowles Lumber effective Friday, September 2nd. The team at Knowles is in the process of liquidating inventory, cleaning up the yard, and will be selling their commercial property on Route 202. They have partnered up with Ware-Butler Building Supply's Livermore Falls location to help support their longtime loyal customers.

"Paul and I have been friends since elementary school, and we are extremely proud of our endeavor here reviving Knowles Lumber and servicing Winthrop/Monmouth area builders over the past decade," says co-owner Bill Abbott. "It came down to us reaching a point that we needed to either make significant investments in the business or move in a different direction for us and our families. Partnering with Ware-Butler Building Supply helps us transition our loyal customers to an up-and-coming Maine building supply company that shares our values of customer service with Maine-based products."

Ware-Butler Building Supply's COO echoes Abbott's thoughts. He says, "Ware-Butler Building Supply is proud to give the Knowles Lumber customers a good local option for their building supply needs including access to our drafting services along with our integrated offerings from kitchen cabinets, to metal roofing and siding, to wall panels and lumber that we manufacture ourselves. We are also excited to have Paul, Bill and their employees come on-board and join us in our mission. They bring the same values we operate with - treating our suppliers, employees, and customers the way we want to be treated."

Ware-Butler Building Supply's parent company, Pleasant River Lumber currently owns and operates lumber manufacturing facilities in Dover-Foxcroft, Jackman, Enfield, Hancock, and Sanford that specialize in spruce/fir framing lumber and eastern white pine boards. In addition to the mills, Pleasant River Lumber owns Moosehead Cedar Log Homes in Dover, AA Brochu Trucking in Clinton, Quality Saw Sales and Service, a full service saw filing and supply company in Enfield, ME, and A&A Brochu Logging, also headquartered in Enfield.

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The Pleasant River Lumber family of companies employ a total of 776 people working and living in 18 communities in 10 Maine counties.