



Johnson Outdoors Inc. Announces Interim Agreement

RACINE, Wis., Oct 16, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Johnson Outdoors Inc. (Nasdaq:JOUT), a leading global outdoor recreation company, today announced the Company has entered into a short-term, interim agreement which modifies certain provisions of the company's existing debt agreements dated October 7, 2005 and February 12, 2008. The Company's Form 8-K regarding the interim agreement was filed with the SEC today and is available at www.johnsonoutdoors.com under Investors.

According to David W. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, "Our current debt agreements never could have foreseen the dramatic downturn in the economy and the impact it would have on our industry. We are working closely with our lenders on a long-term debt facility that may lead to increased borrowing costs in the future."

ABOUT JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

JOHNSON OUTDOORS is a leading global outdoor recreation company that turns ideas into adventure with innovative, top-quality products. The company designs, manufactures and markets a portfolio of winning, consumer-preferred brands across four categories: Watercraft, Marine Electronics, Diving and Outdoor Equipment. Johnson Outdoors' familiar brands include, among others: Old Town(r) canoes and kayaks; Ocean Kayak and Necky(r) kayaks; Lendal(r) paddles; Carlisle(r) and Extrasport(r) paddling accessories; Minn Kota(r) motors; Cannon(r) downriggers; Humminbird(r) fishfinders; GEONAV(r) marine electronics; SCUBAPRO(r) UWATEC(r) and Seemann(r) dive equipment; Silva(r) compasses; Tech4O(r) digital instruments; and Eureka!(r) tents.

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