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**NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY
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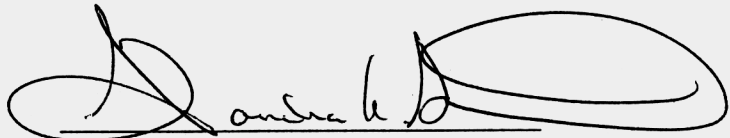
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 18, 2003 (the "Petition Date"), C.E. Thurston & Sons, Inc. (the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The chapter 11 case is being administered and is pending before Judge Stephen C. St. John of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division under the case name In re C.E. Thurston & Sons, Inc., and the Debtor's bankruptcy case has been assigned Case No. 03-75932-SCS.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, pursuant to the provisions of section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, from and after the Petition Date no cause of action arising prior to the Petition Date or relating to the period prior to the Petition Date may be commenced or prosecuted against the Debtor, and no related judgment may be entered or enforced against the Debtor outside the Bankruptcy Court without the Bankruptcy Court first issuing an order lifting or modifying the automatic stay. Accordingly, all currently pending

lawsuits are stayed, and all actions taken in violation of the stay are null and void as against the Debtor.

Dated: September 16, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra K. Steinman", written over a horizontal line.

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