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**DELTIC ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL RESIDENTIAL LOT OFFERING**

Deltic Timber Corporation (NYSE:DEL) announced today that the latest offering of residential lots in its Chenal Valley real estate development located in Little Rock, Arkansas was successful. A total of 160 lots in three neighborhoods were offered for sale at an average price of \$63,000 per lot, with prices ranging from \$41,900 to \$79,950. Buyers committed to purchase 124 of the available lots, representing future revenue of \$8.2 million. Sales of all committed lots are scheduled to close prior to year-end. The offering included the first two neighborhoods in the Belle Vallee section of Deltic's Chenal Valley development, *The Maisons* and *The Courts*, and the final phase of the *Challain* neighborhood. Deltic's budget for 2004 plans for development of an additional 284 lots for offering later this year, including the first phase of a "garden home" neighborhood and one other neighborhood on the Company's new golf course.

Chenal Valley is a 4,800-acre upscale planned community, centered around two Robert Trent Jones, Jr., designed golf courses and consists of both residential and commercial property. Prior to the most recent offering, Deltic had developed 1,764 lots, of which 1,728 had been sold. When fully developed, Chenal Valley will include approximately 4,600 homesites.

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