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ABETON REWARDS EMPLOYEES WITH EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

PORTLAND, OR (September 15, 2006) – Abeton announced today that the company has formed an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), joining approximately 11,000 other ESOP plans operating in the United States.

Thomas Johnson, President & CEO of Abeton, states, "I am excited to announce the formation of the Abeton ESOP. Upon completion of the transition, the employees of Abeton will effectively own 100% of the business. Everyone has worked very hard to help the business grow. The opportunity to become owners is well-deserved."

The ESOP reinforces Abeton's goal of providing employees with a great place to work. Johnson continues, "Employees will now have the reward of directly reaping the benefits of the company's success. This success is the result of all the hard work, dedication, and commitment to customer service that is demonstrated in the workplace on a daily basis."

Employee Stock Ownership Plans enable employees to share in ownership and accrue long-term retirement benefits. The ESOP operates through a trust which owns the company stock. Employees are beneficiaries of the ESOP trust. Companies with ESOPs in place are found, on average, to perform better than their non-ESOP counterparts.

About Abeton

Abeton provides independent medical evaluation and peer review services to help resolve insurance claims in the workers' compensation, auto liability, and disability industries. Abeton has been providing IME services since 1984.

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