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Lowe's to break ground in city

Mooresville, N.C. — A new Lowe's will soon be under way at the northeast quadrant of Interstate 95 and US Highway 58. The new Lowe's store is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2008. The do-it-yourself retailer is known for helping homeowners find the right equipment and supplies to

build, improve, beautify and enjoy their homes.

"Emporia is pleased to welcome Lowe's to our community," said Emporia Mayor Sam Adams. "For many years we have proudly been a locality embracing the American concept of the free market system. As always, Emporia is open for

business and welcomes a diversity of retailers from larger-format retailers to small businesses. They are all vital and important parts of our broad commercial community and are all appreciated and valued."

Lowe's is proud to offer more than 32,000 products under one roof. The home im-

provement store will have 94,000 square feet of retail sales space. An additional 20,900-square-foot garden center will offer an impressive selection of flowers, bushes, trees and garden supplies tailored to the Virginia climate and lifestyle.

A store of this size represents an average investment in the

community of approximately \$12 million and creates up to 120 new jobs.

Lowe's reaches out to the community through relationships with Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, United Way and the Home Safety Council. In addition, in 2007, Lowe's and the Lowe's

Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than \$27.5 million to support community and education projects in the United States and Canada. To date, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has donated more than \$2.2

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million in the state of Virginia.

With fiscal year 2007 sales of \$48.3 billion, Lowe's Companies, Inc. is a FORTUNE® 50 company that serves approximately 14 million customers a week at more than 1,550 home improvement stores in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1946 and based in Mooresville, N.C., Lowe's is the second-largest home improvement retailer in the world. For more information, visit Lowe.com.

Fast facts about Lowe's:

■ Opened first Virginia store in 1992; Currently has 59 stores in Virginia with stores under construction in North Winchester, Bedford, East Richmond and South Stafford.

■ Employs approximately 215,000 people, including more than 9,324 employees in Virginia

■ Nation's 2nd largest appliance retailer, with more than 250 models in stock daily