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**LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED SELLS PILLIOD DIVISION**

MONROE, Mich., Dec. 3, 2001 – La-Z-Boy Incorporated (NYSE, PCX: LZB) announced today that it has sold its Pilliod Furniture division to Michels South Carolina, Inc., a subsidiary of Michels & Company, a privately-held company headquartered in Lynwood, CA. Terms of the transaction, which became effective November 30, were not disclosed. The transaction will not have a material impact to La-Z-Boy’s third fiscal quarter results.

La-Z-Boy acquired Pilliod, which produces promotionally-priced bedroom and occasional furniture at its manufacturing facility in Nichols, SC, as part of its January 2000 acquisition of Greensboro, NC-based LADD Furniture, Inc.

La-Z-Boy Incorporated President and CEO Jerry Kiser said, “The product line produced by Pilliod did not strategically align with our other product lines, and we are glad we were able to find a buyer who is already in this segment of the industry, where a good strategic fit does exist. We wish our former employees well under the new management and new ownership.”

**La-Z-Boy Background Information**

With annual sales in excess of \$2 billion, La-Z-Boy Incorporated is one of the world’s largest residential furniture producers, with manufacturing operations in ten states and four foreign countries. The La-Z-Boy Incorporated family of companies produces furniture for every room of the home and office. And, under the American of Martinsville brand name, La-Z-Boy is also a leading manufacturer of contract furniture for the hospitality and assisted-living markets.

La-Z-Boy Incorporated’s vast distribution network of proprietary retailers includes 296 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® and 323 La-Z-Boy In-Store Gallerys; in-store gallery programs at Kincaid, Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus; England’s Custom Comfort Centers and Lea’s Kid’s Generation displays. According to industry trade publication *Furniture/Today*, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries retail network, by itself, represents the industry’s fifth largest U.S. furniture store. La-Z-Boy’s stock is traded on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the trading symbol: LZB. Additional information on the company is available at [www.la-z-boy.com](http://www.la-z-boy.com).

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