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**Oregon Cutting Systems Group donates chainsaw equipment for earthquake recovery in Indonesia**

Portland, Oregon, April 8, 2005 – Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc., the world leader in chainsaw bar and chains, joined forces with other members of the Japan Forestry Machinery Association and Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to provide much needed equipment to earthquake-stricken Sumatra, Indonesia. The donation of replacement saw chains manufactured at the Portland, Oregon plant will be shipped from the company's Yokohama, Japan distribution center. These saw chains will be combined with chainsaws donated by Japanese chainsaw manufacturers and sent on to the Sumatra.

Chainsaws are highly effective in the clean-up of downed trees and damaged wood structures resulting from natural disasters, such as earthquakes or tsunamis. The chainsaws will also be useful for the removal of hazards around structures that have been compromised, or other dangers caused by displaced debris.

The heavy use that these donated chainsaws is expected to receive will be complicated by the debris on the downed trees and damaged structures, resulting in greater wear than would occur during normal use. These Oregon® replacement chains will enable recovery workers to keep a sharper chain on their saws and help speed the work of cleaning up.

The Oregon® saw chains provided were selected to match the brands and models of chainsaws donated by manufacturers. Providing the chains to match the specific saws was not an obstacle as Oregon Cutting Systems manufactures original-equipment chain used by most chainsaw brands. The company also manufactures replacement Oregon® brand guide bars to fit nearly every model of chainsaw in the market.

**Oregon Cutting Systems Group:** Founded in 1947, the Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc. is a world leader in providing high quality, original equipment and replacement parts to the outdoor power equipment industry. The replacement products, sold under the Oregon® brand include: chainsaw chain, guide bars, sharpening tools, lawnmower blades, trimmer line and heads, spark plugs, belts, and air filters. More information about Oregon Cutting Systems and the Oregon® brand of quality replacement parts can be found at [www.oregonchain.com](http://www.oregonchain.com).

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