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Shareholders of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc.:

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc., which will be held on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time at Quality Inn (formerly Best Western Inn) Wyandotte Room, 115 Sky Park Drive NE, Corydon, Indiana 47112.

At the meeting, shareholders will vote on the election of three persons to the Board of Directors, the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the 2003 fiscal year, and such other business as may come before the meeting and the adjournments and postponements thereof. Details of the business to come before the meeting can be found in the accompanying Notice and Proxy Statement.

We hope that you are able to personally attend the Annual Meeting, and we look forward to meeting with you. Whether or not you currently plan to attend, please complete, date and return the proxy card in the enclosed envelope. The vote of each shareholder is very important. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Company or by filling a properly executed proxy bearing a later date.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc., I extend our appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

THE KELLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.  
Danny L. Utz



V.P. Finance, Secretary, Treasurer and Director

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The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc.  
701 North Water Street, Corydon, Indiana 47112

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003**

To the Shareholders of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc.:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc. (the "Company") to be held on Friday, April 25, 2003, 1:30 P.M. (E.D.S.T.) at the Quality Inn (formerly Best Western Inn), Wyandotte Room, 115 Sky Park Drive NE., Corydon, Indiana 47112, for the following purposes:

- ~~///~~ To elect three directors for terms expiring in 2006.
- ~~///~~ To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent accountants for the 2003 fiscal year
- ~~///~~ To transact other business as may properly come before the meeting and vote on any adjournments and postponements thereof

Holders of Company common shares of record at the close of business on March 12, 2003 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,



Danny L. Utz  
V.P. Finance, Secretary, Treasurer and Director

March 25, 2003  
Corydon, Indiana 47112

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. IF YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, OR IF YOU DO PLAN TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO VOTE BY PROXY, PLEASE DATE, SIGN AND PROMPTLY MAIL THE ENCLOSED PROXY. A RETURN ENVELOPE IS PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

**The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc.**  
**PROXY STATEMENT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**TO BE HELD APRIL 25, 2003**

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Card are being mailed on or about March 25, 2003 in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc. (the "Company") for use at the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders ("Annual Meeting") to be held at the Quality Inn, 115 Sky Park Drive NE, Corydon, Indiana 47112 on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 1:30 P.M., and any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of the Meeting.

A shareholder signing and returning the enclosed proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by written notice to the Secretary of the Company or by filing a properly executed proxy bearing a later date. The signing of a proxy does not preclude a shareholder from attending the meeting in person. All proxies returned prior to the meeting will be voted in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Any proxy not specifying to the contrary will be voted (1) FOR the election of the nominees for director named below, and (2) FOR the proposal to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted for purposes of determining whether a proposal has been approved, but will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

At the close of business on March 12, 2003, the record date for the Annual Meeting, there were outstanding and entitled to vote 5,301,831 common shares of the Company. Each outstanding common share is entitled to one vote. The Company has no other voting securities. Shareholders do not have cumulative voting rights.

A quorum will be present if a majority of the common shares are present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting. The nominees for director will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, assuming a quorum is present. The approval of the independent auditors, will be approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action. Although we do not know of any business to be conducted at the 2003 Annual Meeting other than the proposals described in this Proxy Statement, if any other business is presented at the Annual Meeting, your signed proxy card gives authority to the proxy holders to vote on your behalf any such matters. The proxy holders will vote as recommended by the Company's Board of Directors or, if no recommendation is given, in their own discretion.

The solicitation of proxies is being made by the Company, and all expenses in connection with the solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company expects to solicit proxies primarily by mail, but directors, officers and regular employees of the Company may also solicit in person or by telephone.

The mailing address of the principal offices of the Company is 701 North Water Street, Corydon, Indiana 47112.

## Security Ownership of Common Shares

The following table sets forth certain data with respect to those persons known by the Company to be the beneficial owners of five percent or more of the outstanding common shares of the Company as of December 31, 2002, and also sets forth such data with respect to each director of the Company, each officer listed in the Executive Compensation table, and all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Except as otherwise indicated in the notes to the table, each beneficial owner possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to the common shares indicated.

<b>Principal Shareholders</b>	<b>SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (1)</b>	
	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Robert A. Heazlitt 5770 Wulff Run Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45233	393,780	7.43%
James W. Stuckert (3) 7308 Shadwell Lane Prospect, KY 40059-9412	374,314	7.06%
Nancy A. Keller (2) 750 Old Hwy. 135 SW Corydon, IN 47112	291,634	5.50%
<b>Directors and Executive Officers</b>		
Robert W. Byrd (4)	132,250	2.49%
Steven W. Robertson (5)	60,829	1.15%
John C. Schenkenfelder (9)	54,875	1.04%
Scott A. Armstrong (7)	35,153	*
Danny L. Utz (6)	15,294	*
Ronald W. Humin (8)	10,126	*
Bradford T. Ray	4,700	*
Philip J. Jacobs	1,495	*
David M. Jenkins	750	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (9 Persons)	315,472	5.94%

\*Less than 1%

- (1) The shares shown include shares which may be purchased upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of September 13, 2002: Mr. Byrd, 750 shares of 5,250 shares; Mr. Schenkenfelder, 250 shares of 1,000 shares; Mr. Robertson, 1,250 shares of 4,250 shares; Mr. Ray, 250 shares of 1,000 shares; Mr. Utz, 500 shares of 2,000 shares; Mr. Humin, 250 shares of 1,000 shares; Mr. Jacobs, 250 shares of 1,000 shares; Mr. Armstrong, 500 shares of 1,750 shares; and Mr. Jenkins, 250 shares of 750 shares.
- (2) Based upon a Schedule 13G filed by Ms. Keller on March 16, 2000.
- (3) Includes 107,200 shares held by Mr. Stuckert's wife.

- (4) Includes 99,983 shares held jointly by Mr. Byrd and his wife, 17 shares owned by Mr. Byrd's wife, 9,000 shares held in trust for his son, 6,000 shares held in trust for his daughter, 6,000 shares held in trust for his grandson, 6,000 shares held in trust for his granddaughter.
- (5) All shares are held jointly by Mr. Robertson with his wife.
- (6) All shares are held jointly by Mr. Utz with his wife.
- (7) All shares are held jointly by Mr. Armstrong with his wife.
- (8) All shares held jointly by Mr. Humin with his wife.
- (9) Includes 41,875 shares held by Mr. Schenkenfelder, 11,100 shares held by Mr. Schenkenfelder's wife, 300 shares for each of Mr. Schenkenfelder's 3 sons

## Proposal 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### Nominees

The Bylaws of the Company provide that there shall be nine (9) directors of the Corporation, whose terms shall be staggered by dividing the total number of directors into three (3) groups, each containing one-third (1/3) of the total. At each annual meeting of shareholders, three (3) directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years to succeed those whose terms expire. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director continues to serve until a successor is elected and qualifies or until there is a decrease in the number of directors. Directors may be removed in accordance with Indiana State law.

The Board of Directors has nominated for re-election: Scott R. Armstrong, John C. Schenkenfelder, and Ronald W. Humin (the "Nominated Directors").

### The Board of Directors vote FOR the election of the Nominated Directors.

Unless authority to vote for the Nominated Directors is withheld, the accompanying proxy will be voted FOR the election of the Nominated Directors. However, the persons designated as proxies reserve the right to cast votes for another person designated by the Board of Directors in the event any Nominated Director will be unable or unwilling to serve. Proxies will not be voted for more than three nominees. Those nominees receiving at least a plurality of the votes eligible to be cast will be elected to the Board of Directors.

### THE NOMINATED DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Name	Age	Position	Served As Director Since	Term Ends
Scott A. Armstrong	40	Sr. V.P. Marketing and Sales, Director	2000	2003
John C. Schenkenfelder	50	Director	1992	2003
Ronald W. Humin	64	Director	1991	2003

### THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 NOT UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

Name	Age	Position	Served As Director Since	Term Ends
Robert W. Byrd	67	Chairman of the Board, Director	1974	2005
Steven W. Robertson	46	President, Chief Executive Officer, Director	1990	2004
*Marvin C. Miller	63	Chief Operating Officer, Director	1969	2004 Retired 6/30/02
Danny L. Utz	54	V.P. Finance, Secretary, Treasurer, Director	1999	2005
Bradford T. Ray	44	Director	1997	2005
Philip J. Jacobs	68	Director	1984	2004

\*Larry Roy replaced Marvin C. Miller January 2003

## **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE OF NOMINATED DIRECTORS**

Scott A. Armstrong was promoted to Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing as of January 2000. Mr. Armstrong had been Vice President of Marketing since 1996. Mr. Armstrong served as Marketing Sales Manager from 1987 to 1996. He started with The Keller Manufacturing Co., Inc. in 1985 as a Production Supervisor at Corydon, and has been a director of the Company since 2000.

John C. Schenkenfelder has served as First Vice President of Investments with UBS Paine Webber in Louisville, Kentucky since 1990. He was previously employed with Prudential Bache from 1980 to 1990. Mr. Schenkenfelder has been a director of the Company since 1992.

Ronald W. Humin became Chief Executive Officer of Flexible Materials, Inc., a manufacturer of wood veneer sheets, in 2001. He had served as President from 1980 to 2001, and has been employed with Flexible Materials, Inc. since 1975. Mr. Humin has been a director of the Company since 1991.

### **Continuing Directors**

Robert W. Byrd has served as Chairman of the Board since 1998 and served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from July 1988 to December 1999. Mr. Byrd served as Executive Vice President from January 1986 to July 1988 and was employed with The Company from 1974 to 1999.

Steven W. Robertson was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company as of January 2000. Mr. Robertson had served as Vice President of Marketing and Sales since July 1992. Mr. Robertson was Vice President of Marketing from 1989 to 1992. From 1986 to 1989 he served as Sales & Product Manager and was Product Engineer from 1981 to 1986. Mr. Robertson started with the Company in 1979 as a production supervisor and has been a director since 1990.

Marvin C. Miller retired June 30, 2002 and had served as Chief Operating Officer since May 1999. Mr. Miller had served as Vice President of Information Systems from January 1996 to May 1999. Mr. Miller was Vice President of Engineering from January 1976 to January 1996. Mr. Miller served as Plant Manager for New Salisbury from February 1974 to January 1976 and also at Corydon from February 1969 to February 1974. Mr. Miller has worked for the company since April 1964 and has been a director since 1969.

Bradford T. Ray has served as Vice-Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Steel Technologies, Inc., a producer of precision flat rolled steel, since November 1999. He previously held the position of President and Chief Operating Officer from November 1994 to November 1999. He has been employed with Steel Technologies, Inc. since 1981.

Danny L. Utz has served as Vice President of Finance since January 1992. Mr. Utz had been Treasurer/Controller from 1988 to 1992. He served as Office Manager from 1983 to 1988. Mr. Utz started with the Company in 1973 as Accounts Payable Manager and General Accountant.

Philip J. Jacobs has served as President of Evans Furniture, a furniture retailer in Louisville, Kentucky, since 1975, and has been employed with Evans Furniture since 1965. Mr. Jacobs has been a director of the Company since 1984.

Larry M. Roy presently, who is serving out the remainder of Marvin Miller's term, serves as the Executive Vice President of Finance and CFO with Kentucky Manufacturing Company. He previously served as Controller at Kentucky Fried Chicken and is a CPA with years of previous auditing experience with Deloitte and Touche LLP.

### **Other Executive Officers**

Christopher R. Brown was appointed Plant Manager of New Salisbury in 2001. Mr. Brown had served as Vice President of Engineering from 1996 to 2001, and Plant Engineer from 1993 to 1996. Mr. Brown served as Process Engineer from 1987 to 1993. He started with the Company in 1982 as Maintenance Manager/Project Engineer.

David M. Jenkins was promoted to Vice President of Engineering in January 2001. Other positions included Plant Engineer for the two Indiana plants from January 1996 to January 2001, manufacturing engineer at the New Salisbury Plant from August 1994 to January 1996. David began his career with the Company at the Culpeper Plant as Dimension Mill Manager and Industrial Engineer from 1989 to 1994.

### Directors Compensation

Directors will have four (4) quarterly meetings in the year 2003. The Board of Directors met four (4) times during 2002, and no director attended less than 85% of those meetings. A Fee of \$2,250 is paid to directors for each meeting that they attend.

The committee members of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee each receive \$250 per meeting.

Pursuant to the Keller Craftsman Stock Option Plan, each Director annually receives an option to purchase 250 shares per grant year, and the Chairman of the Board receives an additional option to purchase 500 additional shares. All options granted to Directors in 2002 were exercisable December 13, 2002, 90 days after the grant date. The exercise price of all 2002 option grants was \$2.55 per share, the closing price of the common shares on the NASDAQ Capital Stock Market on September 13, 2002. Options expire four years after the grant date.

### Executive Compensation

There were a total of 3 executive officers for The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc. in 2002 with compensation over \$100,000. The following table provides certain summary information concerning compensation paid to or accrued by the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the two (2) highest earning executive officers (the "Named Executive Officers") for all services rendered in all capacities to the Company during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002.

	Year	Salary (\$)	Profit Sharing (\$ (1))	All Other Annual Compensation (\$ (2))	Option # Shares (3)
Steven W. Robertson President and Chief Executive Officer	2002	\$165,412	\$ 0	\$10,500	1,250
	2001	\$143,416	\$ 0	\$10,500	1,250
	2000	\$143,884	\$ 37,416	\$12,146	1,250
John W. Heishman Vice President Manufacturing	2002	\$118,582	\$ 0	\$ 480	250
	2001	\$118,904	\$ 0	\$ 480	250
	2000	\$115,704	\$ 29,184	\$ 384	250
Marvin C. Miller Chief Operating Officer	2002	\$143,216	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
	2001	\$115,987	\$ 0	\$ 9,000	500
	2000	\$111,261	\$ 27,438	\$11,250	500

(1) Reflects award in both cash and Company Stock

(2) Represents compensation paid to each individual as a Director of the Company and Pension Investment Committee Member, and Company's match on 401 K Plan.

(3) Represents options granted under Keller Craftsman Stock Option Plan

## Stock Options

Effective September 14, 1999 the Board of Directors approved the Keller Craftsman Stock Option Plan. The following table sets forth certain information concerning options held by the Named Executive Officers at December 31, 2002.

### Option Grants In Last Fiscal Year

(a)	Individual Grants		(d)	(e)	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation For Option Term	
	(b)	(c)			(f)	(g)
<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted (#)</u>	<u>% of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Exercise or Base Price</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>5% (\$)</u>	<u>10% (\$)</u>
Steven W. Robertson	1,250	4.94 %	\$2.55	9/13/06		

No stock options were exercised by the Named Executive Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. No outstanding options granted to the Named Executive Officers were in -the-money.

## Pension Plan Benefits

All executives were eligible for and were participants in 2002 in The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc. Employees' Pension Plan. An executive's retirement benefit under the plan at normal retirement age is determined by the following formula; 2/3 of 1% of the average monthly compensation (determined by taking the five (5) highest annual earnings) multiplied by the number of years of service with the Company; in addition, each Named Executive Officer who was a participant in 1990 accrues a benefit of 1.5% of his or her monthly compensation. The estimated annual benefit payable upon retirement at normal retirement age for each of the named executive officer is as follows:

Executive Officers	Annual Normal Retirement Benefit (Life Annuity)	
	Accrued as of 12/31/02	Projected to Age 65
Steven W. Robertson	\$29,757	\$52,877
Marvin C. Miller*	\$23,898	\$23,898
John W. Heishman**	\$51,882	\$51,882

\* Retired 7/19/02

\*\*Retired 12/31/02

## Committees

### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Company has a Compensation Committee comprised of Ron Humin, Phil Jacobs and Brad Ray. The Committee has the responsibility for the Company's executive compensation programs. The salary, and any periodic increase thereof, of the President and Chief Executive Officer were and are determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, based on recommendations made by the Compensation Committee. The salaries, and any periodic increases thereof, of all other executive officers were and are determined by the Board of Directors, based on Committee recommendations.

The Company's executive compensation program is designed to align executive compensation with financial performance, business strategies and Company values and objectives. The Company's compensation philosophy is to ensure that the delivery of compensation, both in the short and long term, is consistent with the sustained progress, growth and profitability of the Company and acts as an inducement to attract and retain qualified individuals. This program seeks to enhance the profitability of the Company, and thereby enhance shareholder value, by linking the financial interests of the Company's executives with those of its long-term shareholders. Under the guidance of the financial interests of the Company's Compensation Committee, the Company has developed and implemented an executive compensation program to achieve these objectives while providing executives with compensation opportunities that are competitive with companies of comparable size in related industries.

The Company's executive compensation program has been designed to implement the objectives described above and is comprised of the following fundamental element:

A base salary that is determined by individual contributions and sustained performance, within an established competitive salary range. Pay for performance recognizes the achievement of financial goals, accomplishment of corporate and functional objectives, and performance of individual business units of the Company.

Base Salary. The salary, and any periodic increase thereof, of the President and Chief Executive Officer were and are determined by the Board of Directors of the Company based on recommendations made by the Compensation Committee.

The Company, in establishing base salaries, levels of incidental and/or supplemental compensation, and incentive compensation programs for its officers and key executives, assesses periodic compensation surveys and published data covering the Company's industry and industry in general. The level of base salary compensation for officers and key executives is determined by both their scope of responsibility and the established salary ranges for officers and key executives of the Company. Periodic increases in base salary are dependent on the executive's proficiency of performance in the individual's position for a given period and on the executive's competency, skill and experience.

Compensation levels for fiscal 2002 for the President and Chief Executive Officer, and for the other executive officers of the Company, reflected the performance of the Company in fiscal 2001 as well as the accomplishment of corporate and functional objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald W. Humin  
Philip J. Jacobs  
Bradford T. Ray

The Company has an Audit Committee comprised of Bradford T. Ray - Chairman, John C. Schenkenfelder and Ronald W. Humin, which is empowered to review audit results and financial statements, review the system of internal control and reports or make recommendations to the Board. The Audit Committee submitted to the Board of Directors, for their approval, an Audit Committee Charter as follows: (See Exhibit A) Members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined by Rule 4200 (a) (15) of the National Association of Securities Dealer's Listing Standards.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee ("Committee") assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc. ("Company"). During 2002, the Committee met four times, and the Committee discussed the interim financial and other information contained in each quarterly earnings announcement and quarterly filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission and report with the CEO and independent auditors prior to public release.

In discharging its oversight responsibility as to the audit process, the Committee obtained from the independent auditors a formal written statement describing all relationships between the audit ors the Company that might bear on the auditors' independence consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, "Independence Discussions with Audit Committees," discussed with the auditors any relationships that may impact their objectivity and independence and satisfied itself as to the auditors' independence. The Committee also discussed with management and the independent auditors the quality and adequacy of the Company's internal controls. The committee reviewed with the independent audito rs their audit plans, audit scope and identification of audit risks.

The Committee discussed and reviewed with the independent auditors all communications required by generally accepted auditing standards, including those described in Statement on Auditin g Standards No. 61, as amended, "Communication present, discussed and reviewed the results of the independent auditors' examination of the financial statements.

The Committee reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, with management and the independent auditors. Management has the responsibility for the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and the independent auditors have the responsibility for the examination of those consolidated statements.

Based on the above-mentioned review and discussions with management and the independent auditors, the Committee recommended to the Board that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements be included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Committee also appointed, subject to shareholder approval, the independent auditors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry M. Roy, Chair  
John C. Schenkenfelder  
Ronald W. Humin

The Company has a Long Term Equity Incentive Plan Committee comprised of Steve Robertson, and Dan Utz. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have full authority to administer the Plan, including authority to interpret and construe any provision of the Plan and to adopt such rules and regulations for administering the Plan as it may deem necessary to comply with the requirements of the Plan or any applicable law.

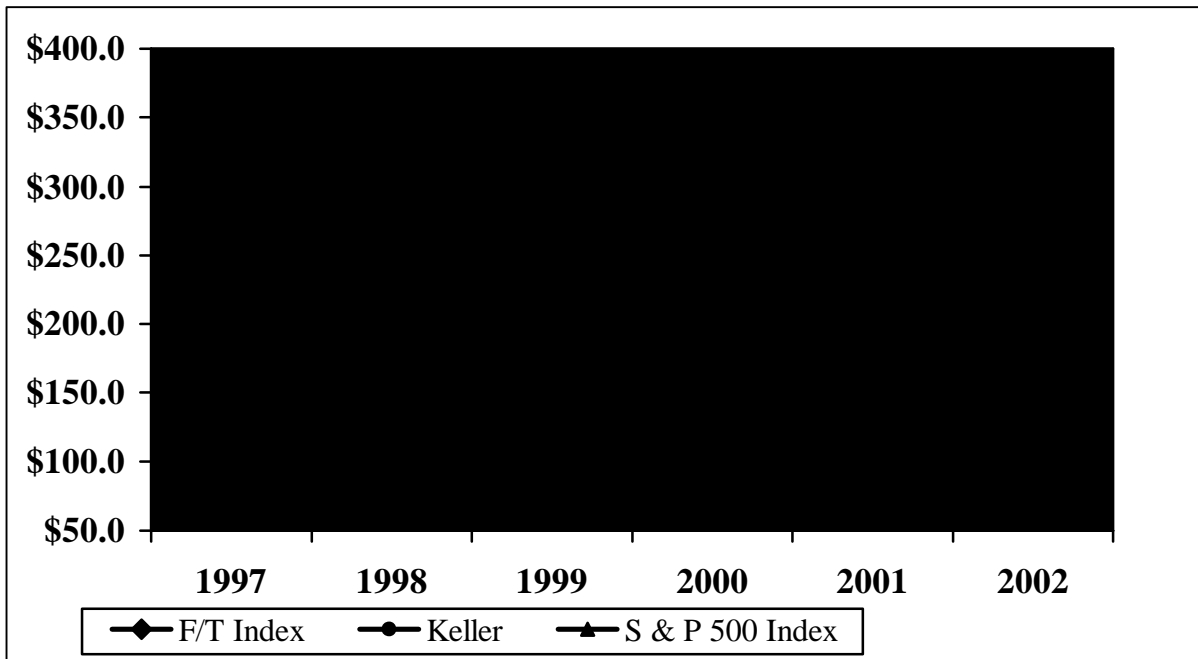
The Committee shall, subject to the terms of this Plan, have the authority to: (i) select the eligible employees who shall receive Awards, (ii) grant Awards, (iii) determine the types and sizes of Awards to be granted to employees, (iv) determine the terms, conditions, vesting periods, and restrictions applicable to Awards, (v) adopt, alter, and repeal administrative rules and practices governing this Plan, (vi) interpret the terms and provisions of this Plan and any Awards granted under this Plan, (vii) prescribe the forms of any Award Agreements or other instruments relating to Awards, and (viii) otherwise supervise the administration of this Plan. The Committee did not meet during 2002 because of lack of profits.

All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made in good faith by the committee, or made by any other person or persons to whom the Committee has delegated authority, shall be final and binding upon all Participants, the Company, and all other interested persons. All decisions by the Committee shall be made with the approval of not less than a majority of its members. Members of the Committee who are eligible for Awards may vote on any matters affecting the administration of the Plan or the grant of any Awards pursuant to the Plan, except that no such member shall act upon the granting of an Award to himself; but any such member may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum of the Committee.

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares the performance of the Company's Common Stock to the Standard & Poors 500 Index and to a peer group (1), which is a Furniture Stock Index published by Furniture Today of the stocks of 24 publicly traded furniture companies. Information reflected on the graph assumes an investment of \$100 on December 31, 1994 in Company Common Stock or based on the indexes listed. Cumulative total return assumes reinvestment of dividends.

- (1) Peer Group:
- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Bassett Furniture Industries, Incorporated | Pulaski Furniture Corporation    |
| Chromcraft Revington, Inc.                 | Stanley Furniture Company, Inc.  |
| Furniture Brands International             | Vaughn Furniture Company, Inc.   |
| Hooker Furniture Corporation               | Webb Furniture Enterprises, Inc. |
| The Keller Manufacturing Company, Inc.     |                                  |



**COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 16(a) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 required the Company's directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Common Stock and other equity securities of the Company. Officers, directors and greater than ten-percent shareholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file. To the knowledge of the Company, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to the Company's officers, directors and greater than ten-percent beneficial owners have been made in a timely manner.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP audited the financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2002.

## ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the Company's 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders, including consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002, is enclosed with this Proxy Statement. The 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders does not constitute proxy-soliciting material.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholder proposals for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by the Company at its corporate office no later than November 27, 2003 and must be submitted in accordance with all rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES

Aggregate fees billed to the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002 by the Company's principal accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates (collectively, "Deloitte"):

Audit fees	\$ 102,600	
All other fees	\$ 41,700	(a) (b)

- (a) Includes fees for tax consulting, income tax preparation, and required audits of the health, pension and 401 (k) plans.
- (b) The audit committee has considered whether the provision of these services is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

The Audit Committee will be responsible for pre-approving all auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be performed during 2003 or thereafter for the Company by its independent auditors or any other auditing or accounting firm. The Audit Committee has approved the auditing services and permitted non-audit services for 2003.

**Proposal 2.** Ratification Of The Appointment Of Independent Accountants

The shares represented by your proxy will be voted (unless you indicate to the contrary) to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent public accountants, to examine the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003. A representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP is expected to be present at the 2003 Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement and respond to questions from shareholders.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent accountants.**

# **KellerFurniture**

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