

The Greenbrier Companies announced today that it has priced \$175,000,000 of 8 3/8% senior unsecured notes due 2015 to be issued in a private placement transaction. The transaction is expected to close May 11, 2005, subject to certain closing conditions, including the closing of the sale of 4,500,000 shares of our common stock. The notes will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration statements.

The Greenbrier Companies ([www.gbrx.com](http://www.gbrx.com)) headquartered in Lake Oswego, OR is a leading supplier of transportation equipment and services to the railroad industry. Greenbrier builds new railroad freight cars in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico and repairs and refurbishes freight cars or wheels at 15 locations across North America, with growing supply chain relationships in Asia. Greenbrier builds new railroad freight cars and refurbishes freight cars for the European market through both its operations in Poland and various subcontractor facilities throughout Europe. Greenbrier owns approximately 10,000 railcars, and performs management services for approximately 125,000 railcars in its leasing and services unit.

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revision to these forward-looking statements.

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