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**LOUWS TRUSS, INC. LOCATES AT FORMER CASHMERE MILL SITE**

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At a special Commission Meeting on September 26, 2017, the Chelan County Port Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase and sale agreement for approximately four (4) acres of real property located south of Mill Road in the Port's Cashmere Mill District. The property is the future home of Louws Truss' newest manufacturing facility, resulting in 20 to 30 new jobs. "The Port is excited to assist Louws Truss in expanding its operations to Chelan County and renew economic activity in the Cashmere Mill District," said Port Commissioner JC Baldwin.

Louws Truss is a third generation Washington company that began in the early 1950's as a general construction company. Through vision for the future of the construction industry and a focus on specialization, Louws has become a leading truss supplier in the state and throughout the Pacific Northwest. Since 2010, Louws' manufacturing facility has been located in Burlington, Washington.

The Agreement executed between the parties is set to close by November 30. Louws is hoping to begin site work this year with construction completed by summer of 2018.

The Cashmere Mill Property was used primarily for lumber milling from the 1940s until late the 1970s. Various commercial and light industrial businesses occupied the property in the 1980s and 1990s. At the time of purchase by the Port in 2008, the 32-acre site had little activity and no employees. Since purchase, the Port has undertaken a \$6.6 million cleanup and road improvement project to prepare the site for redevelopment. Zoning allows for a mix of industrial and light-industrial and light-commercial uses.

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