



NEWS RELEASE

BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION COMMENCES TENDER OFFER FOR 5,000,000 SHARES OF ITS OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK.

Del Mar, California, August 18, 2003 – (BHS:NYSE) Brookfield Homes Corporation today commenced its previously announced Dutch auction tender offer for up to 5,000,000 shares of its outstanding common stock, at prices ranging from \$15.50 to \$18.50 per share, for a total of \$78 million to \$93 million if the maximum number of shares are repurchased. Brascan Corporation, the major stockholder of Brookfield Homes, has indicated that it intends to tender up to an equivalent number of shares as the aggregate number of shares tendered by other stockholders, and at the purchase price determined by the tender offer.

The tender offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on September 24, 2003, unless extended. If the number of shares tendered is greater than the number sought, the company will select the lowest price within the stated range that will allow it to buy 5,000,000 shares, with purchases generally to be made on a pro rata basis, except for odd lots, for stockholders tendering at or below the purchase price. The company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to increase the number of shares purchased subject to compliance with applicable law.

The closing price per share on the New York Stock Exchange on August 7, 2003, the last trading day prior to Brookfield Homes announcing its intention to commence the tender offer, was \$16.75.

Brookfield Homes' Board of Directors has approved the tender offer. However, neither Brookfield Homes nor its Board of Directors is making any recommendation whether stockholders should tender or refrain from tendering their shares or as to the purchase price or prices at which stockholders should choose to tender their shares. Stockholders must decide whether to tender their shares and, if so, how many shares to tender and the price or prices at which they will tender them. Stockholders may wish to discuss with their broker or other financial or tax advisor whether to tender their shares.

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Brookfield Homes Corporation

Brookfield Homes Corporation is a residential homebuilder and land developer, building homes and developing land in master-planned communities and infill locations. We design, construct and market single-family and multi-family homes primarily to move-up and luxury homebuyers. We also develop land for our own communities and sell lots to other homebuilders. Our portfolio includes over 20,000 lots owned and controlled in the San Francisco Bay Area; Southland / Los Angeles; San Diego / Riverside; and Northern Virginia markets. For more information, visit the Brookfield Homes website at www.brookfieldhomes.com.

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