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\$1,005,000,000 LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC. Liquid Yield Option (TM) Notes due 2021 (Zero Coupon - Senior)

SECOND PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2002 TO PROSPECTUS DATED MAY 29, 2002

This Prospectus Supplement amends the table of Selling Securityholders appearing on pages 34-36 of the Prospectus dated May 29, 2002, (i) to list additional selling securityholders and (ii) to update the positions of previously disclosed selling securityholders, based on completed investor questionnaires and trade execution orders submitted to Lowe's on or before September 20, 2002.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

The LYONs were originally issued by us and sold by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act to persons reasonably believed by Merrill Lynch to be "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined by Rule 144A under the Securities Act). The selling securityholders (which term includes their transferees, pledgees, donees or successors) may from time to time offer and sell pursuant to this Prospectus any and all of the LYONs and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion and/or redemption of the LYONs.

Set forth below are the names of each selling securityholder, the principal amount of LYONs that may be offered by such selling securityholder pursuant to this Prospectus, and the number of shares of common stock into which such LYONs are convertible. Unless set forth below, none of the selling securityholders has had a material relationship with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates within the past three years.

The following table sets forth certain information received by us on or prior to September 20, 2002. However, any or all of the LYONs or common stock listed below may be offered for sale pursuant to this Prospectus by the selling securityholders from time to time. Accordingly, no estimate can be given as to the amounts of LYONs or common stock that will be held by the selling securityholders upon consummation of any such sales.

Name

Aggregate Percentage of Common Stock Own Principal LYONs Prior to Convers Amount of LYONs Outstanding at Maturity

that May be Sold

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Allied Irish Banks PLC	16,874,934	1.68%
Allstate Insurance Company	500,000	0.05%
Allstate Life Insurance Company	4,405,000	0.44%
AmerUs Life Insurance Company	130,000	0.01%
Arpeggio Fund LP	4,500,000	0.45%
Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited	1,100,000	0.11%
Bankers Life Insurance Company of New York	70,000	0.01%
CA State Automobile Assn. Inte-Insurance	1,000,000	0.10%
Cater Allen International Limited	11,500,000	1.14%
CitiSam Fund-Ltd.	6,600,000	0.66%
Commercebank, N.A.	15,000,000	1.49%
Commonwealth Professional Assurance Company, c/o Income Research & Management	540,000	0.05%
Conseco Annuity Assurance Company	2,500,000	0.25%
Conseco Fund Group - Conseco Convertible Securities Fund	250,000	0.02%
Credit Industriel D'Alsace et De Lorraine	9,400,000	0.94%
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation	1,500,000	0.15%
Deutsche Bank AG London	17,000,000	1.69%
EQAT/Alliance Growth Investors	1,565,000	0.16%
Equitable Life Assurance Separate Account Balanced		0.01%
Equitable Life Assurance Separate Account Convertibles	1 000	0.00%
Excellus Health Plan; Formerly Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rochester, c/o Income Research and Management	500,000	0.05%
GLG Market Neutral Fund	16,000,000	
IL Annuity and Insurance Company	1,700,000	0.17%
IMF Convertible Fund	1,600,000	0.16%
Investcorp Sam Fund Limited	8,400,000	0.84%
KBC Financial Products USA	3,500,000	0.35%

Lehman Brothers Inc.

350,000

0.03%

Beiman Brothero Inc.	330 , 000	0.030	
Liberty View Fund LLC	500,000	0.05%	
Liberty View Funds L.P.	4,500,000	0.45%	
Lutheran Brotherhood	1,500,000	0.15%	14,
McMahan Securities Co. L.P.	1,150,000	0.11%	
Name	Aggregate Principal Amount of LYONs at Maturity that May be Sold	Percentage of LYONs Outstanding	Common Stock Own Prior to Convers
Med America Insurance, c/o Income Research and Management	1,850,000	0.18%	·
Med American New York Insurance, c/o Income Research and Management	1,315,000	0.13%	
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc.	12,281,000	1.22%	
Northern Income Equity Fund	4,000,000	0.40%	
Oppenheimer Convertible Securities Fund	7,000,000		·
Physicians Life	314,000		
PIMCO Convertible Fund	1,000,000		
Principal Investors Fund, Inc. on behalf of its Partners Large Cap Blend Fund			
Rhapsody Fund, LP	14,600,000	1.45%	
Salomon Brothers Asset Management, Inc.	550,000		
Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance	870,000	0.09%	
Starvest Managed Portfolio	30,000	0.00%	
State of Florida, Division of Treasury	2,255,000		
State of Mississippi Health Care Trust Fund	905,000	0.09%	
Tokai Asia Limited	34,000,000		
Tufts Associated Health Plans, c/o Income Research & Management	650,000	0.06%	
University of Massachusetts, c/o Income Research & Management		0.01%	·

Vanguard Convertible Securities Fund, Inc.	495,000	0.05%	
Victory Capital Management as Agent for the Charitable Income Fund	85,000	0.01%	
Victory Capital Management as Agent for the Key Trust Fixed Income Fund	130,000	0.01%	

Name	Aggregate Principal Amount of LYONs at Maturity that May be Sold	Percentage of LYONs Outstanding	
Registered Shares Not Sold	216,745,934	21.57%	
Total Registered Shares Sold	785,176,000	78.12%	
All Other Beneficial Holders	3,078,066	0.31%	
Total	1,005,000,000	100.00%	