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WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY

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[Weyerhaeuser Company letterhead]

May 31, 2001

Dear Willamette Shareholder:

BREAK THE LOGJAM
ELECT THE WEYERHAEUSER NOMINEES

Weyerhaeuser has repeatedly stated that if Willamette is prepared to negotiate a definitive merger agreement promptly, Weyerhaeuser is willing to increase its offer above \$50 per share. Weyerhaeuser believes that, by refusing to negotiate an increased price, the Willamette board and management have made it crystal clear that the company is simply not for sale at any price. The only way to break this logjam is to elect the Weyerhaeuser nominees at Willamette's June 7th Annual Meeting.

"WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE WILLAMETTE BOARD APPEARS TO HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY IT OWES TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS AND, FOR THAT REASON, ITS CREDIBILITY AS WELL."

"MANAGEMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH WEYERHAEUSER, HAS NOT GIVEN ANY INDICATION OF A PRICE IT MIGHT ACCEPT, AND HAS NOT LOOKED FOR OTHER BUYERS. INSTEAD, THE BOARD'S STRATEGY SEEMS TO BE CONCENTRATED UPON ITS OWN SURVIVAL."

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Proxy Monitor, 5.24.01*

"EVEN WITHOUT THE ISS ANNOUNCEMENT, WE THINK MOST NONALIGNED WILLAMETTE SHAREHOLDERS WOULD HAVE VOTED THE WEYERHAEUSER SLATE IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN. IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT UPSIDE OPTIONS BEYOND THE CYCLE?"

FIRST CALL, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown Inc.: Mark Wilde, 5.24.01*

"METRICS ASIDE, IT IS WILLAMETTE'S STONEWALLING THAT HAS KEPT WEYERHAEUSER FROM IMPROVING ITS BID."

"WE BELIEVE [WILLAMETTE'S] MANAGEMENT HAS MADE ITS POSITION ABUNDANTLY CLEAR: IT IS SIMPLY NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING. BUT IN REMAINING UNYIELDING TOWARDS NEGOTIATING WITH WEYERHAEUSER, WILLAMETTE HAS SHOWN A HIGH DEGREE OF DISREGARD FOR THE WISHES OF ITS OWN SHAREHOLDERS, AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR RESPONSE TO THE TENDER OFFER."

"IN THE FACE OF THE COMPANY'S TAKEOVER DEFENSES, WE BELIEVE THAT SHAREHOLDERS DESIROUS OF OBTAINING ANY DEAL--BE IT WITH WEYERHAEUSER OR ANOTHER PARTY--HAVE NO OTHER RECOURSE THAN TO ELECT THE WEYERHAEUSER NOMINEES."

Institutional Shareholder Services, 5.22.01*

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FIRST CALL, Credit Suisse First Boston: Mark Connelly, 5.21.01*

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IF THE WEYERHAEUSER NOMINEES ARE NOT ELECTED
WE WILL WITHDRAW OUR OFFER

VOTE GOLD NOW TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR INVESTMENT

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven R. Rogel
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Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Whether or not you plan to attend the 2001 Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote FOR the election of the Weyerhaeuser nominees by signing, dating and returning the enclosed GOLD proxy card TODAY.

Remember, if you hold your Willamette shares with a brokerage firm or bank, only they can exercise voting rights with respect to your shares and only upon receipt of your specific instructions. Accordingly, it is critical that you promptly contact the person responsible for your account and give instructions to vote the GOLD proxy card FOR the election of the Weyerhaeuser nominees.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE IN THE LAST-MINUTE VOTING OF YOUR SHARES, PLEASE CALL OUR PROXY SOLICITOR, INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED, AT 1-877-750-5838 (TOLL-FREE).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Company Holdings, Inc. ("CHI"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Company, has commenced a tender offer for all the outstanding shares of common stock of Willamette Industries, Inc. at \$50.00 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest. The offer currently is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Thursday, June 7, 2001. CHI may extend the offer. If the offer is extended, CHI will notify the depositary for the offer and issue a press release announcing the extension

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[Weyerhaeuser Company logo]

To support the Weyerhaeuser nominees, ignore the green proxy card. You must use the GOLD card to vote for the Weyerhaeuser nominees. If you have any questions or require assistance with the last-minute execution of your GOLD proxy card, please call our proxy solicitor, INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED, at 1-877-750-5838 (toll-free).

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