

## Central Garden & Pet Division Named Lowe's 'Supplier of the Year'

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Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ:CENT) announced today that Lowe's Companies, Inc. recently named Pennington Seed "Supplier of the Year" for the Lawn and Landscaping Category. This marks the third time that Pennington has received this prestigious award over the past ten years from Lowe's. Pennington Seed, a division of Central garden & Pet, is one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of lawn, garden and turf care products in the world.

Lowe's "Supplier of the Year" qualifications include high product performance standards, commitment to increasing brand equities, innovative and instructive merchandising and extraordinary service and, supporting a national in-store infrastructure and in-stock inventory positions.

"The entire team at Pennington Seed and I are honored to be recognized by Lowe's for this outstanding achievement," commented Brad Johnson, President of the Garden Group for Central Garden & Pet. "Since its beginnings in 1945, Pennington Seed has consistently demonstrated commitment to quality, complete customer satisfaction and business integrity."

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the Lawn & Garden and Pet supplies markets. Committed to new product innovation, our products are sold to specialty independent and mass retailers in the following categories: In Lawn & Garden: Grass seed including the brands Pennington and The Rebels; Wild bird feed and the brands Pennington and Kaytee; Weed and insect control and the brands AMDRO, Sevin, Ironite and OverNOut and; Decorative outdoor patio products and the brands Norcal, New England Pottery and Matthews Four Seasons. We also provide a host of other regional and application-specific garden brands and supplies. Pet categories include: Animal health and the brands Adams and Zodiac; Aquatics and reptile and the brands Oceanic, Aqueon and RZilla; Bird & Small animal and the brands Kaytee, Super Pet and CritterTrail; Dog & Cat and the brands TFH/Nylabone, Four Paws, Pinnacle and Avoderm and; Equine and the brands Farnam, Bronco and Super Mask. We also provide a host of other application-specific Pet brands and supplies. Central Garden & Pet is based in Walnut Creek, California, and has approximately 5,000 employees, primarily in North American and Europe. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at http://www.central.com/.

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