IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

WICKES INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 04 B 02221

Honorable Bruce W. Black

NOVARE, INC.'S TWELFTH QUARTERLY STATEMENT

Novare, Inc. ("Novare") as Preference Claims Administrator to Wickes Inc. ("Wickes" or the "Debtor"), pursuant to the <u>Order Pursuant to Section 327(A) of the Bankruptcy Code</u> <u>Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Novare, Inc. as Preference Claims Administrator</u> <u>Retroactive to November 29, 2005</u> (the "Order") entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division (the "Court") on January 18, 2006, submits this Twelfth Quarterly Statement (the "Quarterly Statement") including information relating to all activities performed by Novare from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 (the "Relevant Period").

BACKGROUND

1. On January 20, 2004 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed with the Bankruptcy Court its voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is continuing to operate its business and manage its properties and assets as debtorin-possession. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in the Debtor's Chapter 11 case.

2. On January 26, 2004, the United States Trustee appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors.

JURISDICTION

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (M).

4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are Sections 105(a), 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

ORDER AND NOTICE

5. In accordance with the Order, Novare was retained to undertake the following

activities:

- (a) Verify the addresses of preference transferees.
- (b) Establish and staff a dedicated preference hotline to answer questions from preference transferees.
- (c) Prepare and mail demand letters and make follow up telephone calls to preference transferees, as appropriate.
- (d) Maintain files and detailed logs recording all oral and written communications between Novare and the preference transferees.
- (e) At the direction of the Debtors and within parameters set by the Debtors, prepare settlement agreements and negotiate and settle preference transfer claims, as applicable and appropriate.
- (f) Prepare weekly status reports that detail the status of all open and settled preference transfers.
- 6. All services rendered by Novare during the Relevant Period were performed at

the request or direction of members of the Debtors and pursuant to the terms of the Order. Such services were consistent with those necessary for the recovery of preferences in Novare's role as Preference Claims Administrator. Novare has provided a broad range of preference recovery services as summarized above. Novare was in constant communication with the Debtors and acted solely at the direction of the Debtors. Novare provided weekly written reports during the Relevant Period and held teleconferences as needed with representatives of the Debtors.

7. All services were performed for and on behalf of the Debtors. Novare has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any party in interest for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in these cases.

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- 8. Pertinent to the Relevant Period:
 - (a) Aggregate Amount invoiced by Novare: \$750.00

Consisting of:

- i) Compensation for services rendered: \$750.00ii) Reimbursement of expenses incurred: \$0.00
- (b) General Description of the Services Rendered and Results Achieved:

i) Services Rendered: As Preference Claims Administrator, during this quarter Novare has followed up with preference defendants, negotiated settlements, prepared and executed settlement agreements, received and processed settlement payments, and provided support for Debtor's Counsel on all court-related matters.

ii) Results Achieved:
0 Matter settled in the aggregate amount of \$0.00
1 Preference Matters paid in the aggregate amount of \$3,000.00
0 Preference Matters determined to be non-pursuable
0 Total Preference Matters Closed (combined paid and non-pursuable)

9. Given that Novare's compensation is contingent on the amount recovered for the

Debtors and the high level of services performed by Novare for the benefit of the Debtors, Novare believes that the compensation is fair and reasonable.

10. Novare respectfully submits that the compensation for the Relevant Period for services rendered by Novare to the Debtors is fully justified and reasonable based on the (a) the skill necessary to perform the collections, (b) the complexity of the issues, and (c) the amount of asset recovery made to the Debtor through Novare's efforts.

11. Pursuant to the Order, Novare served notice and copies of the invoices for the Relevant Period and the Quarterly Statement on the Interested Parties as those parties are defined in the Order. Furthermore, with no objections having been received, Debtors have submitted payment to Novare pursuant to authorization in the Order.

WHEREFORE, Novare respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto, approving Novare's compensation for the Relevant Period, and grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: January 30, 2009

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