

# Furniture Brands INTERNATIONAL

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Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

**RE: Furniture Brands International, Inc.  
Statements Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and  
Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances  
Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Submitted herewith for filing are the above statements under oath of W. G. Holliman, Principal Executive Officer and David P. Howard, Principal Financial Officer.

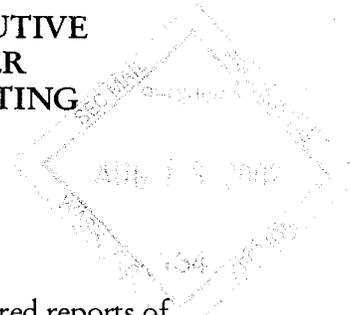
Very truly yours,

*Robert Kaintz*

RLK/djb  
Enclosure

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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS



I, W. G. Holliman, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Furniture Brands International, Inc. and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of Furniture Brands International, Inc.;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Furniture Brands International, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

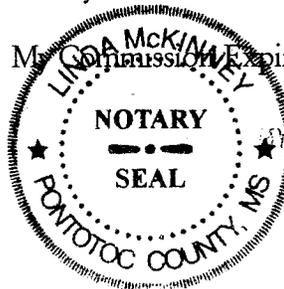
W. G. Holliman  
 Name: W. G. Holliman  
 Date: August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, 2002

Linda McKinney  
 Notary Public

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My Commission Expires:



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