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***MR. FRANK BAUCHIERO RETIRES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
REGAL-BELOIT***

January 28, 2005 (Beloit, WI): REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION (NYSE:RBC) today announced that Mr. Frank Bauchiero has retired from the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Bauchiero had been a director of the Company since 1993.

During the period of time that Mr. Bauchiero was a member of the Board, the Company's sales, on an annual basis, have increased by over \$1 billion and the Company has completed 10 acquisitions. "We would like to thank Mr. Bauchiero for his outstanding leadership, wisdom, and commitment over the past 11 years as we have evolved into an industry leader," commented James L. Packard, Chairman and CEO.

About REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION:

REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION is a leading manufacturer of mechanical and electrical motion control and power generation products serving markets throughout the world. REGAL-BELOIT is headquartered in Beloit, Wisconsin, and has manufacturing, sales, and service facilities throughout the United States and Canada, and in Mexico, Europe and Asia.

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