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2005 MARKS REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION'S 50TH YEAR OF OPERATION

Beloit, WI: REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION (NYSE:RBC), a leading international manufacturer of electrical and mechanical motion control components, marks its 50th year of operation in 2005. With 2004 annual sales exceeding \$756 million, the company has achieved five decades of steady growth and strong performance.

Originally named Beloit Tool Corporation, REGAL-BELOIT started with three men and a few machines producing special taps in just 24 hours. In 1967, the company diversified into the power transmission product line with the purchase of its Durst division (Shopiere, WI). Throughout the 1970's and to this day, REGAL-BELOIT has maintained its original product line now known as Regal Cutting Tools (South Beloit, IL). By 1980, the company had grown to \$40 million in sales with the acquisitions of numerous gear drive companies, positioning REGAL-BELOIT as a leader in power transmission components.

The company entered the global marketplace in 1991 with the purchase of Opperman Mastergear, Ltd. (Newbury, England). By 1996, annual sales had reached \$281 million. In 1997, REGAL-BELOIT doubled in size by adding electric motors and generators to its product portfolio with the purchase of Marathon Electric Manufacturing Corporation (Wausau, WI). The acquisitions of Lincoln Motors (Cleveland, OH) in 1999, and LEESON Electric (Grafton, WI) in 2000, solidified its leadership position in the electric motor marketplace. At the end of 2004, the company doubled in size again with the purchase of the commercial and HVAC motor and capacitor business from General Electric. Following this move was the company's stock transfer to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) from the American Stock Exchange in January, 2005.

REGAL-BELOIT's products are "At the Heart of What Drives Your World". From AC electric motors (up to 1250 HP), electric generators (up to 3000 kW), mechanical gear drives and transmissions, electronic switchgear and high-speed cutting tools, REGAL-BELOIT's products are often concealed within, but essential to the function of so much of the equipment powering the world. These products are applied to many applications during our everyday lives. You can find REGAL-BELOIT products in home furnaces, pumps, elevators, conveyors, x-ray machines, office equipment, machine tools, power stations and thousands of other critical uses.

REGAL-BELOIT serves an expansive array of markets from heavy industry to high technology. Markets include HVAC, food processing, medical, material handling, petro-chemical, construction, manufacturing, agriculture and mining, to name a few. Few companies can match REGAL-BELOIT's abilities to adapt and modify products to required specifications and deliver consistent quality, at a fair price and a time dictated by the customer.

Headquartered in Beloit, WI, REGAL-BELOIT now owns and operates 21 companies with over 65 manufacturing and service/distribution facilities throughout the United States and in Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia. A fitting tribute for a new era, the company introduced a new logo in 2005 that unifies all REGAL-BELOIT companies under one common purpose of providing products that truly are “At the Heart of What Drives Your World.” REGAL-BELOIT stock is publicly traded under the symbol RBC on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

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