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## ***REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PRICING OF PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON STOCK***

August 11, 2005 (Beloit, WI): REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION (NYSE: RBC) today announced that the public offering of 5,295,104 shares of its common stock was priced at \$30.15 per share to the public. The offering includes 1,330,714 primary shares being offered by the Company and 3,964,390 secondary shares being offered by one selling shareholder, General Electric Company ("GE"). The size of the offering increased by 545,104 shares from originally announced as a result of GE's decision to sell additional shares of the Company's common stock. The shares are being offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement that was previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company expects the delivery of the shares to occur on August 16, 2005. The Company and GE, on a pro rata basis, have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 794,265 additional shares of common stock at the same price per share solely to cover over-allotments, if any. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, then GE will sell in this offering all of the shares of the Company's stock that it holds.

Assuming no exercise of the over-allotment option, the Company will receive approximately \$37.9 million in net proceeds from the sale of shares by it in the offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated expenses of the offering. In addition, pursuant to the terms of a shareholder agreement between the Company and GE, the Company will receive approximately \$8.0 million of the net proceeds that GE receives from the sale of shares by GE in the offering. The Company intends to use all of the net proceeds it will receive from the offering to repay debt outstanding under its credit facility.

The offering was marketed through a group of underwriters, including sole book-running manager, Robert W. Baird & Co.; co-lead managers, Banc of America Securities LLC and Wachovia Securities; and co-managers, Jefferies & Company, Inc., Barrington Research and Morgan Joseph.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. The offering is being made only by means of the prospectus and related prospectus supplement relating to the offering, a copy of which may be obtained from the offices of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, 28th Floor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5391. An electronic copy of the prospectus and related prospectus supplement is available on the

Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT**

**The following is a cautionary statement made under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:** With the exception of historical facts, the statements contained in this press release may be forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our management's judgment regarding future events. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of the forward-looking statements, and you should be aware that results and events could differ materially and adversely from those contained in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including the risks and uncertainties described from time to time in our reports filed with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or to persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the applicable cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements included in this press release are made only as of the date of this release, and we undertake no obligation to update these statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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 North America, and in Mexico, Europe and Asia.

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