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REGAL-BELOIT ANNOUNCES STOCK OFFERING

July 27, 2005 (Beloit, WI): REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION (NYSE:RBC) today announced a proposed offering of 4,750,000 shares of its common stock that will include 1,330,714 primary shares being offered by the Company and 3,419,286 secondary shares being offered by one selling shareholder, General Electric Company. 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 offering will be marketed through a group of underwriters, including sole bookrunning manager, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated; co-lead managers, Banc of America Securities LLC and Wachovia Securities, Inc.; and co-managers, Jefferies & Company, Inc., Barrington Research Associates, Inc. and Morgan Joseph & Co. Inc. The underwriters are expected to have an option to purchase up to 712,500 additional shares of common stock to cover any over-allotments.

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 a prospectus supplement, 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 supplement is available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION is a leading manufacturer of electrical and mechanical 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.

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: unexpected issues and costs arising from the integration of acquired companies and businesses, such as our recent acquisitions of the HVAC motors and capacitors businesses and the Commercial AC motors business from General Electric Company; marketplace acceptance of our recent acquisitions, including the loss of, or a decline in business from, any significant customers; unanticipated fluctuations in commodity prices and raw material costs and issues affecting our ability to pass increased costs on to our customers; cyclical downturns affecting the markets for capital goods; substantial increases in interest rates that impact the cost of our outstanding debt; the impact of capital market transactions that the

Company may effect; unanticipated costs associated with litigation matters; the success of our management in increasing sales and maintaining or improving the operating margins of our businesses; actions taken by our competitors; difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations; our ability to satisfy various covenant requirements under our credit facility; and other 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.

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