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REGAL BELOIT CLOSES EPC ACQUISITION

August 22, 2011 (Beloit, WI): Regal Beloit Corporation (NYSE: RBC) today announced the closing of the acquisition of the Electrical Products Company (EPC) from A.O. Smith Corporation (NYSE:AOS). The China portion of the EPC acquisition was closed into escrow pending customary administrative approvals in China which are expected shortly.

Regal Beloit will hold a conference call providing updated information on the EPC acquisition at 9:00 AM CDT (10:00 AM EDT) on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. To listen to the call and view the presentation slides via the internet, please go to <http://www.regalbeloit.com/> or at: <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=81937>. Individuals who would like to participate by phone should dial 800-860-2442, referencing Regal Beloit. International callers should dial 412-858-4600, referencing Regal Beloit.

A telephone replay of the call will be available through November 28, 2011, at 877-344-7529, conference ID 10003433. International callers should call 412-317-0088 using the same conference ID. A webcast replay will be available until November 28, 2011, and can be accessed at <http://www.regalbeloit.com/rbceventspresentations.htm> or at <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=81937>.

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