



Rayovac Announces Management Change

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MADISON, Wis., Feb. 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Rayovac Corporation (NYSE: ROV) announced today the retirement of Merrell M. Tomlin as executive vice president of global sales. Tomlin joined Rayovac in 1996 as senior vice president of sales. He was promoted to executive vice president of sales in 1998.

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Rayovac's global sales will now be managed regionally by: Stephen Shanesy, executive vice president - North America; Luis Cancio, executive vice president - Latin America; and Remy Burel, executive vice president - Europe.

"We appreciate Merrell's efforts over the last six years as Rayovac has grown to be a global player in the battery and lighting industries. We thank Merrell for his contributions and wish him and his family the best," said David Jones, Rayovac chairman and CEO.

With the recent VARTA consumer battery transaction, Rayovac is one of the world's largest consumer battery and lighting device companies. Rayovac and VARTA products are sold in more than 115 countries. The Company also markets the number one selling rechargeable brand of battery in the U.S. and in Europe, and is the world leader in hearing aid batteries. Rayovac trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ROV symbol.

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