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LEE BAKER HIRED AS DIRECTOR OF SALES BY RANKIN[®] INDUSTRIES[™]

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA (April 22, 2009) – R. L. (Lee) Baker has joined Rankin Industries as Director of Sales. Baker is a recognized hardfacing and high alloy welding products expert. He brings worldwide experience to his role at Rankin Industries where he will be responsible for global sales of the full range of Rankin consumables and automation equipment.

Baker's experience includes serving as Western Regional Manager of Alloy Sales for Lincoln Electric, serving as National and then International Sales Manager for Stellite Alloys - a manufacturer of cobalt-based alloys, and 12 years with Stoodly Company where he last held the position of the company's General Manager of Wear Resistance Alloy Products WRAP Division. He has presented on technical issues in the industry at conferences around the world.

"Rankin Industries is an exciting company with superior products in our hardfacing and alloy business," said Baker. "I'm looking forward to introducing more professionals to Rankin's products and technical expertise."

Rankin Industries is a designer and manufacturer of build-up and hardfacing products and offers a range of specialty alloys including hard surfacing and specialty brazing products. Its sister companies include Rankin Automation, a manufacturer of automated systems for hardfacing applications Broco[®], Inc., the world leader in exothermic cutting and underwater welding systems; and Strong Welding Products[®], Inc. which offers a selection of cost-effective welding and industrial products. The companies serve industrial maintenance and repair, and welding and cutting professionals. Corporate headquarters is located in Rancho Cucamonga, California and products are available through a global distributor network. Visit www.RANKIN.com for more information.

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