



Bob Davey to Retire From McCormick at the End of 2006

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SPRING, Md., May 3, 2005 /PRNewswire FirstCall via COMTEX/ - Robert J. Lawless, Chairman, President & CEO of McCormick & Company, Inc. (NYSE:MKC), today announced that Robert G. Davey, President Global Industrial Group, has decided to retire at the end of 2006. Mr. Davey will remain in his current role until January 1, 2006, after which he will provide experience to ensure a smooth transition of relationships with certain key customers. Succession for Mr. Davey will be announced well in advance of his retirement.

Mr. Davey began his career with McCormick in 1977 as Controller for Storage Canada. During the next thirteen years, he was promoted to increasingly responsible positions in Finance. After the privatization of C&H Natural Foods and Storage Canada in 1990, he became Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer for McCormick Canada. He was promoted to President of McCormick Canada in 1992, where he served until 1994, when he was promoted to Vice President & Chief Financial Officer for McCormick & Company, Inc. At that time he was named to the Executive Committee and the Corporate Board of Directors. In 1998, the Global Industrial Group was created and Mr. Davey was named President. He continues to serve on McCormick & Company's Board of Directors as well as the Company's Management Committee.

Commenting Mr. Lawless, "Bob's unparalleled leadership, excellent vision, tenacious desire to succeed and team building qualities have been major drivers of our continued success during the last nine years. His willingness to always go the extra mile, while at the same time championing McCormick's transformation, is a wonderful model for all of us to follow. Thanks to his leadership, our industrial customers are served worldwide in an integrated fashion. We will miss him greatly, and I am very pleased that he has agreed to stay with us during 2006."

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