



## **Lennox International Appoints Richard L. Thompson Chairman Following Retirement of John W. Norris, Jr.**

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DALLAS, July 24, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- The board of directors of Lennox International Inc. (NYSE: LII) appointed Richard L. Thompson, vice chairman since February 28, 2005 and LII board member since 1993, to succeed John W. Norris, Jr. as chairman on Mr. Norris' retirement. Mr. Norris retired July 21. The company originally announced his plans to retire, along with the recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Thompson, in an announcement on January 30.

"I am pleased to see Rich being appointed chairman on my retirement," Norris said. "I know his manufacturing experience and leadership on the LII board over the past 13 years will be deeply valued as the company moves forward."

Mr. Thompson is a former group president for Caterpillar Inc., a manufacturer of construction and mining equipment. Mr. Thompson also serves as a director for Gardner Denver, Inc., a manufacturer of air compressors, blowers, and petroleum pumps; and for NiSource Inc., a natural gas and electric utility. He is also a former director of the National Association of Manufacturers, the nation's largest industrial trade association, and Proctor Community Hospital in Peoria, Illinois.

"During John's 46 years of service to the company and the HVACR industry, including the past 15 as chairman of LII, the company has grown from a largely domestic business of \$50.8 million to a \$3.4 billion international corporation," Thompson said. "Certainly he will be missed by all of us at LII and in the industry, but I am excited at the opportunity to continue working with our board and executive staff as the company begins a new period of growth."

Operating in over 100 countries, Lennox International Inc. is a global leader in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration markets. Lennox International stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LII". Additional information is available at: <http://www.lennoxinternational.com> or by contacting Karen O'Shea, vice president, communications and public relations, at 972-497-5172.

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