



Aaron Rents, Inc. Directors Declare Dividend; Increase Payout 7.7%

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ATLANTA, Aug. 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of Aaron Rents, Inc. (NYSE: RNT), the nation's leader in the sales and lease ownership, specialty retailing and rental of residential and office furniture, consumer electronics and home appliances and accessories, has declared a quarterly cash dividend. The dividend declared is \$.014 per share on Common Stock and \$.014 per share on Class A Common Stock, payable October 3, 2005 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on September 1, 2005. This is an increase of 7.7% from the previous quarterly dividend of \$.013 per share on both classes of stock.

"We have tripled our annual dividend payout over the last three years," said R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron Rents. "The Company has achieved outstanding growth and financial results over this time, and Aaron Rents stock has substantially appreciated in value. The increases in dividends are a reflection of this performance and our positive outlook for the future."

Aaron Rents, Inc. based in Atlanta, currently has more than 1,124 Company- operated and franchised stores in 46 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico for the rental and sale of residential and office furniture, accessories, consumer electronics and household appliances. The Company also manufactures furniture, bedding and accessories at 10 facilities in four states.

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